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## Public seeks more details of tax plan

The school district and the city consider placing parcel taxes on the ballot

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

The Albany school board will hold two meetings next week to discuss a possible November parcel tax. It will meet with the Albany City Council on Monday

and on its own on Tuesday.

Both the school district and the city are considering placing parcel taxes on the November ballot in a special election called by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. They have until Aug. 12 to submit ballot language to the county.

The school board is considering a measure annually taxing homeowners by \$200 per parcel, excluding seniors 65 years and

older. It would tax owners of non-residential parcels by .0278 cents per square foot or \$200, whichever is greater.

The measure would raise about \$1 million annually, and the board could raise the rate by up to 5 percent each year. Proceeds would go toward maintaining curriculum and instructional supports and retaining qualified teachers, according to

a July 26 draft measure.

At its meeting this week, School Board Member Miriam Walden and several residents urged the board to move forward with the ballot measure this November.

The school district projects an approximately \$500,000 budget deficit beginning in the 2007-2008 school year, said School District Superintendent Willie Wong.

"As an activist for children and

families, I have total faith in this board and this administration," said Robin Woodland, the parent coordinator for the district's drug and alcohol task force and one of about 24 people who attended Tuesday's meeting.

Others expressed concern that the district wasn't making clear what the tax money would pay for.

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### IF YOU GO

■ **WHAT:** Joint meeting between the Albany City Council and the Albany School Board

■ **WHEN:** 7:30 p.m., Monday

■ **WHERE:** City Hall Council Chamber, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

■ **INFORMATION:** 510-528-5710

■ **WHAT:** Albany school board meeting

■ **WHEN:** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday

■ **WHERE:** Albany Middle School library, 1259 Brighton Ave.

■ **INFORMATION:** 510-558-3766

## Scouts lose little staying local

El Cerrito's Camp Herms among first in Bay Area to nestle Scouting ventures inside city limits

By Jackie Burrell  
STAFF WRITER

Backpacking in the back country, rafting the great white-water canyons ... and camping in El Cerrito?

The words "Scout camp" conjure images of High Sierra and wild terrain, but one of the Bay Area's best-loved Scout camps is right here, tucked away in an El Cerrito hillside.

Silvery fog enwraps the eucalyptus at Camp Herms, the Boy Scout brouhca tucked in the El Cerrito hills. The mist condenses in the leaves and drips down in frazzled, camphor-scented raindrops. Scouting may be a block away, but the youths are — delightedly — enjoying it. There's an archery and gun range, 20 acres of prime hiking and camping terrain and, if you're really chilly, an old, green, one-paneled lodge for shelter.

"Having a camp like this right in a city is really unique," said Marie Ridgers, assistant Scout executive for the Mt. Diablo Sierran Scout Council. "People don't have to drive too far. It's just seven days a week."

The Bay Area boasts plenty of youth Scout day camps in venues from Antioch's Contra Loma Park to San Leandro's Marina City Park. Camp Herms and Lafayette's Camp Canyons are different — wilderness tracts purchased by Scout councils half a century or more ago and quietly enjoyed by generations of campers.



**DEN MOTHER** Deborah Long of Richmond looks on as her son Michael makes a canteen cover before a hike to Tilden Park with his Scouting group at Camp Herms in El Cerrito recently. Scouts have come to Camp Herms for the past 75 years. Below, parent volunteer George Marin helps his Scout group practice for a flag ceremony.

Scouts have come to Camp Herms for the past 75 years, ever since the council acquired the old Bates and Borland Quarry in 1930. The faded green cabins are used as craft centers now, but grassy fields still host acres of tents for Camporee and other overnights.

On this particular Tuesday morning, 140 Cub Scouts learn search-and-rescue techniques, craft puppets, and make canteens for a hike into nearby Tilden Park. Inspired by an earlier, nature-tracking activity, Sheldon Elementary fifth-grader Michael Long has adorned his canteen — a water bottle laced into a faux leather sleeve — with carefully inked paw prints.

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## Complaints mount as bus problem strands students

By Shirley Dang  
STAFF WRITER

Conar Earl missed a lot of summer school this year, but the 9-year-old from Richmond wasn't cutting class. Laidlaw buses routinely failed to pick up the disabled boy and other Contra Costa special education students on time this summer, if at all, say parents and teachers.

The company regularly stranded students at home or school, said mother Nancie Rouse. Disabled chil-

dren missed their physical therapy sessions.

The company also sent out buses lacking straps to secure wheelchairs, said Gretchen Borg, chairwoman of a district special education advisory committee. The oversight resulted in delays, Borg said, and, in one case, injury.

The district's month-long special education summer program started June 20 at Fairmont Elementary School in El Cerrito and Collins Elementary School in Pinole.

Overall, parents lodged at least 75 complaints about busing to the school district during four weeks of classes. The absences cost students class time — and cost the district state dollars that are calculated using enrollment.

"Busing this summer has been a nightmare," Rouse said.

The company acknowledged June delays but contends routing was fixed after the first two weeks, said Barbara Perry, a senior vice president at the Laidlaw Education Services of-

fice in Concord. She said she had not heard concerns about injuries.

"We don't tolerate anything like that happening," said Perry, who noted any incidents would be investigated. "Safety is just our No. 1 priority."

The complaints arise as the West Contra Costa school district prepares to renegotiate a contract in 2006 with Laidlaw Education Services, the nation's largest school transportation provider.

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## Cerrito Theater gets bids, but costs unknown

■ Officials say only that contractors' offer for renovation higher than anticipated

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

Construction bids for Cerrito Theater renovations have come in higher than expected, but no one seems to know by how much.

The city was anticipating that the project would cost \$3.8 million, according to a January 2004 estimate.

Redevelopment manager Lori Trevino said the developer has told her that the bids from contractors for the project came over that amount, but not by how much.

She said the developer — Speakeasy Theaters — is meeting with contractors to see if and how the costs can be reduced.

"We're giving them a chance to work it out," Trevino said Tuesday.

In 2002, the city's redevelopment agency bought the 1930s-era movie theater at San Pablo and Central avenues for \$520,000.

In May 2003, the agency gave a \$200,000 predevelopment loan to Catherine and Kyle Fischer, the owners of Speakeasy Theaters and the Parkway Theater in Oakland, for development of a two-screen movie theater.

The agency also approved a \$2.2 million construction loan to the Fischers as part of the development agreement. In January 2004, it allocated an additional \$1.3 million for the project.

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## Council votes to keep landscape tax at same level

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

The El Cerrito City Council has voted to keep the city's lighting and landscaping tax at its current level, one week before council members received the results of a poll showing less than half of the city's property owners would approve a doubling of the tax.

"We just got the results," said Karen Pinkos, El Cerrito's assistant to the city manager, of the poll. "And we're just going over them, and we haven't drawn any conclusions yet."

Godbe surveyed 400 property owners by phone.

According to the executive summary of survey results from research firm Godbe Research, an increase in the tax of \$15 received the most support, with 70 percent saying either definitely yes or probably yes, followed by 61 percent approval for a \$30 increase and 53 percent agreeing to a \$45 increase.

About 46 percent of respondents said "definitely yes" or "probably yes" in answer to whether they would vote for a \$60 increase, the highest increase respondents considered. Some 42 percent of respondents said "definitely" or "probably no," while 12 percent said they "don't know."

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# Lamplighters a shining example on, off stage

**C**APTURE! The Lamp-lighters, the Bay Area's award-winning Gilbert Sullivan company, have announced their lineup for the upcoming season, and they've chosen my favorite shows.

Currently, they're presenting "The Gondoliers," one of my favorite G&S operettas. The show concludes its San Francisco run at the Yerba Buena Center this weekend, then moves to the Dean Leshner Center for the Regional Arts in Sausalito Creek next week, Aug. 1-3. In the winter, they'll produce my other favorite, "The Pirates of Penzance."

And next spring they'll do one of the greatest American musicals, "Show Boat." (Are you detecting a nautical theme here?) It's impossible to overstate just how good The Lamp-lighters are. Every time they appear at the annual International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival in Brighton, England, they win first prize.

A few years ago, the producer of the G&S Festival decided to hold the event in Berkeley. G&S troupes came from all over the world, including England, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Japan. And The Lamp-lighters were so much better than anyone else, it was almost embarrassing. I think the main reason is that the Bay Area is blessed with so many talented singers, actors and musicians who are willing to perform for free — except the orchestra, which is paid the bare minimum union scale — for the sheer love of it.

(Otherwise, The Lamp-lighters would never be able to keep ticket prices at a level that ordinary people like us can afford.) A typical example is 23-year-old Hestia Lucchese of Berkeley, who is playing Giulia in the current production of "The Gondoliers." She has all the chops to go professional — including a sweet soprano voice and a gracefulness that comes from studying ballet since she was 4 — but not the ruthless, win-at-all-costs ambition. "I just can't see myself pouring through all those people," she says.

And, her ambitions run in a different direction: She wants to be an elementary school teacher.



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

A 2004 Cal graduate, she'll start studying for her teaching credential this fall at San Francisco State. In the meantime, she's working at the front desk at the Lawrence Hall of Science.

"It's how I get my kid fix," she says. "That's why I'd rather work there than The Gap."

When she becomes a teacher, she'll turn her children on to music and theater in general and Gilbert & Sullivan in particular — just as Helen Spencer, her beloved headmistress at tiny St. Michael's Academy in College Station, Texas, did for her.

"Every year, our school would put on a Gilbert & Sullivan production, and we'd all look forward to it all year. Theater is a great thing for kids. It teaches you teamwork and perseverance; the show must go on. And, of course, it's fun."

Her first performance was in the sixth grade — in, coincidentally, "The Gondoliers." Then came leading roles in most of the major operettas, including "Pirates," "HMS Pinafore," and "The Mikado" (in which she played the leading male tenor role, Nanki-Poo, because her school was so small, there weren't enough boys to play all the male parts).

In college, she sang in the Cal Chamber Chorus and the University Chorus before joining The Lamp-lighters for roles in "Pirates," "Mikado," "The Yeomen of the Guard" and "Candide."

What does she like most about Gilbert & Sullivan? "It's silly. I have a real silly streak myself, and Gilbert's lyrics make me laugh. And Sullivan's music is so beautiful. Music is something even kids can connect to. It's the universal language."

Nice to know somebody like this is going to be shaping the next generation, isn't it?

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## FACES & PLACES

### Building ahead of schedule for school

Work continues apace at El Cerrito High School, where the transitional campus occupying the former baseball field is now complete and a demolition of the original school buildings is well under way.

"The neighbors have reported fewer problems than anticipated with dust and noise," reports the ECHS e-mail tree, but many neighbors were doubtless jarred awake by the jackhammering that started about 7 a.m. Tuesday inside the old north wing.

The good news, especially for those who remember the delays encountered during the rebuilding of nearby Harding Elementary, is that demolition is about a month ahead of schedule, reports West Contra Costa School Board member Karen Pfeifer.

Further, according to the e-mail tree, contractor Silverado Construction is "approaching a 99 percent recycling figure in its work, well above the 70 percent level figure mandated in its contract."

On deck for demolition after the north wing is razed are the cafeteria and science building.

The transitional campus now has staff parking spaces painted and marked in front, with a dropoff/turnaround area also in place. The school's electronic an-



JOANNA JHANDASTAFF

OAKLAND'S Children's Hospital hosted a summer academy for high school students interested in medicine on July 14. Part of the day-long activities included suturing pigs feet. Shireen Javandel from Albany takes a closer look at her patient.

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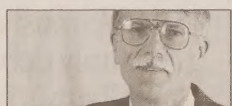
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## Art exhibit to take flight at Tilden Park center

**A**N UNUSUAL and beautiful art exhibit will be on display from Aug. 3 to Sept. 30 at the Environmental Education Center of Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley. Created by performance artist Patricia Bulitt, it consists of 11 large, hand-painted, cutout images of birds native to the Bay Area, imprinted with texts in English, Spanish and Chinese about bird ecology and natural history. The exhibit was originally displayed at Lake Merritt in Oakland in 2004.

On Sunday, Aug. 14, Bulitt will perform an original interpretive dance at the center, titled "Birds You Can Read — Eleven," and designed to complement the exhibit. She will be accompanied by cellist Marcie Brown, with additional visuals by Lauren McIntosh. The performance will be from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., after which visitors will be able to meet Bulitt and learn more about her work. Light refreshments will be served, and the event is free.

During the weeks of the exhibit, center visitors will be invited to participate in a public art project, by writing messages to birds that are tied into a handmade fish net. Since entanglement in fishnets has caused the deaths of thousands of birds, Bulitt sees the letters as transforming the net artistically



PARK IT  
Ned MacKay

into a garment of protection. The project was made possible by a grant from the East Bay Community Foundation to the Regional Parks Foundation.

The center is located at the north end of Tilden's Central Park Drive. From Grizzly Peak Boulevard in Berkeley, descend Canon Drive into the park, turn left on Central Park Drive, park at the end of the road, and follow the signs to the center. For more information, phone the center at 510-525-2233.

Speaking of birds, Tilden naturalists will celebrate the Year of the Estuary with a walk from 10 a.m. to noon this Saturday at Point Isabel Regional Shoreline in Richmond. Meet at the end of Isabel Street (past the Costco store) for a walk along the waterfront, marsh and bayshore to look for migratory birds. Pt. Isabel allows dogs off-leash, but they must be leashed on the Bay Trail between Pt. Isabel and the Richmond Marina. For information, phone 510-525-2233.

From birds to bats: On Sat-

urday, Aug. 6, Tilden naturalist Jessica Sheppard will conduct a program on the only mammal that truly flies — the bat. It's from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Environmental Education Center, including pictures, activities, snacks, and a walk into the park in search of the elusive creatures. Registration is required for the bat program, and there's a fee of \$5 per person (\$7 for non-district residents). Ages 4 and under may attend for free. To register or obtain more information, phone 510-636-1684.

If you're looking for an easy, close-to-home, overnight vacation, think about signing up for the Park District's "Family Camporee" on Aug. 6 and 7 at Del Valle Regional Park south of Livermore. The camporee is designed for people who have had little or no camping experience. Del Valle has a five-mile-long lake with fishing, boating and two swimming beaches. It's a beautiful setting, reminiscent of

the Sierra foothills, but not nearly as far. The park's campground has car camping sites, centrally located bathrooms with hot showers, and a camp store.

Camporee activities, all led by Park District staff, will include how-to-camp clinics, outdoor games, all-camp competitions, swimming, water safety instruction, nature walks, campfire songs and an outdoor movie. Pets are not allowed; campers must supply their own camping gear and food. The fee for the camporee is \$15 per adult and \$10 per child (\$17 and \$12, respectively, for non-District residents).

If this sounds appealing, find out more by phoning 510-636-1684 or visit the Park District Web site, [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org).

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## LET OF THE WEEK

**BERKELEY** — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

**Dogs:** 2-year-old male Chihuahua mix tan; 10-month-old pit bull/Lab mix tan; 6-month-old male shepherd mix black & brown; 10-month-old male terrier mix tan.

**Cats:** 4-year-old female DSH brown and white tabby; 5-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 5-month-old female DSH dilute tortoiseshell; 1-year-old female DSH brown tabby; 1-year-old female black; 5-year-old female white; 4-year-old female tortoiseshell; 8-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 1-year-old male DSH black; 3-year-old male DSH tortoiseshell; 10-month-old female DSH black; 8-year-old male Siamese mix seal point; 7-year-old male Siamese brown tabby; 4-year-old female DSH dilute tortoiseshell; cats of various ages, sizes and colors.

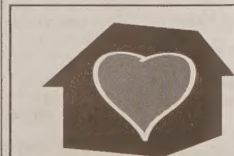
**Dogs:** Domestic long hair; MH: domestic medium hair; SH: domestic short hair).

**Adoption fee:** dogs \$125; cats \$75; rabbits \$40, including spaying or neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth Street, Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: [www.berkeleyhumane.org](http://www.berkeleyhumane.org) or call 510-845-7735.



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**ELSIE** is a 3-year-old black and tan female border collie/dachshund mix, and may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Elsie was rescued by the humane society from a large municipal shelter where she had been picked up as a stray. She is active and loves to go for walks, but is not too keen on other dogs and would probably be best as the only pet in a household. If you are interested in meeting Elsie, other dogs or cats, visit or call the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.



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— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

## Fighting terror here

IF SEPT. 11, 2001 TAUGHT us one thing, it is that poor coordination among public-safety operations can be deadly. That is why we applaud an effort now under way in the East Bay that is designed to maximize coordinated counterterrorism efforts.

Using Homeland Security funds, Contra Costa and Alameda counties and the city of Oakland have agreed to form the Terrorism Early Warning Group.

The logic behind the group is to combine law enforcement, public health and firefighting resources with the dual focus of preventing terrorism and responding swiftly to limited damage, injuries and deaths once an attack occurs.

Although the members of the group will have access to confidential information gathered by law enforcement, it will not be an intelligence unit. It also will have a great deal of public information at its disposal. The idea is to analyze and disseminate that information in a way that will help in the terrorism fight.

It also will develop extensive plans, called mission folders, for responding should a terror attack occur in the Bay Area. Quite naturally, all of us hope that those plans never have to be used. But if the occasion arises, we are confident that well-designed, intelligent plans for response will help save lives and minimize damage.

One of the most important aspects of this group is that it will involve personnel with a broad spectrum of backgrounds.

That should help break down the information walls that naturally exist between departments and agencies. Information that one agency might deem irrelevant could be extremely important to another.

In fact, it is likely that this group's mission may collide with those of other groups in the area. If that is so, it is certainly better to find them out now rather than during response to a terror attack.

Another essential ingredient for success here is that the members of this group will be assigned full time to the task. That is crucial. It means that they will work on this constantly and not have to fit it in with other duties. Fighting terrorism becomes their life.

At times that will get difficult, boring even, but for such an operation to work effectively, it is the way it must be.

We applaud the effort and encourage proceeding with it. The sooner the better.

## A tragic loss

THE SHOCKING SHOOTING DEATH of Meleia Willis-Starbuck two weeks ago has left the city of Berkeley in a state of grief. The tragedy has also captivated the entire region. The killing of the promising Ivy League student outside her apartment was the top story on the television newscasts the day it happened, and led the front pages of the daily newspapers the next day. The magnitude of the story only grew with the revelation that she may have been accidentally killed by a friend whom she had called to aid her during an argument with a group of men.

Many questions remain to be answered about her death. What actually transpired during the argument on College Avenue and Dwight Way early on the morning of July 17? What happened when Willis-Starbuck's friends arrived on the scene? If she were accidentally shot by a friend, what prompted him to bring a gun and pull the trigger? Did the gunman know that she had been hit when he fled the scene? What happened to the men with whom she was arguing and what role, if any, did they play in the shooting?

For those who knew and loved Willis-Starbuck, nothing will lessen the pain they feel over her loss. But the answers to how and why she died will hopefully help everyone cope with their grief and move forward. We also hope that whatever is learned from this killing will help in some way to avoid similar tragedies in the future.

The grief expressed by the Berkeley community over the past two weeks makes clear what a special place Willis-Starbuck held in the hearts of the people who came to know her, and makes us wonder about the impact she would have had on others throughout her life. Hopefully, the lessons of her short life — and the senseless tragedy of her death — will stay with us long after this story recedes from the front pages and the television news.

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## THESE CAN BE THE BORING DAYS OF SUMMER

I better get them  
the doctor  
Or should I  
call an ambulance?

Mom, we miss school.  
Would you make up  
some homework for us?



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## We must all calmly debate Albany's fate

Public debate has clearly not been quashed in Albany. Look at all the letters in this space over the past few weeks.

What does harm open and honest discussion is big money development in sheep's clothing. Though a good friend of Robert Lieber, I've been avoiding a strong opinion until now, trying to learn the background of all sides and discover for myself why otherwise-friendly Albany residents are getting so hot-headed.

But now that I've read Rick Caruso's commentary of July 15, I realize just how little I trust him.

Naturally, he feels Albany's input is essential to his plan, because he needs our votes. Is he trying to develop this property out of the kindness of his heart? Is he really a fan of Measure C? Clearly not.

But soon, after talking personally to almost every Albany voter, he will know exactly how to tailor his plan for maximum political effect. And when he does win on the ballot, that will be the end of discussion for all time.

It's all about Caruso's momentum right now. Can't we stop for a minute, think, and calmly debate all the possibilities, before we are rushed on to the question of what sort of shopping mecca Caruso will build?

Leah Flanagan  
Albany

## Why is Bush protecting Rove?

Karl Rove either broke the law or he was grossly negligent with national secrets, yet he still advises President Bush, who is responsible for our national security.

This is the same President Bush who stated that he would fire anyone who revealed the identity of an undercover agent.

So why is Rove still at the president's side?

Janet Seim  
El Cerrito

## Paths are in danger

Alan Lopez's article, "Kensington residents seek to improve paths" (June 24), was informative and highly topical.

Allow me to add two additional dimensions to his account, which refers to maintenance, legal responsibility, convenience, liability and ownership of the paths.

The first is aesthetic. The paths add a distinctive charm to our community, especially when they are well-maintained by volunteers and adjacent property owners. Their integrity should be a community priority.

The second is related to the first, though it could also stand on its own as a community concern.

Consider the possibility that someone (anyone, really, though it is most likely to be a property owner whose home is

contiguous to a path) might decide to remove one or more of the trees on a path.

For example, suppose your neighbor across the path suddenly, without any prior notice or discussion, decides to remove a 60-foot red horse chestnut tree from a path within hours of your payment of a \$250 fee to have it trimmed. This wanton act of destruction is entirely executed by stealth while you're out of town.

You return to find that a giant tree, which quite literally defined and protected your backyard, has disappeared! The professional arborist assesses the value of the tree at \$10,250. However, since the tree stood on a path that is apparently owned by no one, the tree, in effect, has no standing. Who is to protect it and hold eco-terrorists accountable?

Alas, this scenario is all too real. Such a red horse chestnut tree was destroyed by a neighbor the day before we returned from our vacation in July 2004. Kensington has lost a valuable natural resource, the value of our property has been unilaterally and maliciously altered, and our privacy has been invaded.

All of which is by way of saying that Kensington's paths are in danger and rapid action in defining their status is imperative.

Philip Siegelman  
Kensington

## Sick administration

As usual, Bush refuses to act on his promises and, rather, rewards his privileged buddies, such as Karl Rove, with sovereignty from accountability.

If we can't trust the people around Bush, how can we trust Bush himself?

The administration is sick from the inside out.

J.C. Shuster  
El Cerrito

## Rove must be stopped

The Bush administration has been constantly bending the truth and outright lying to the American people about the their true agenda, the war in Iraq (weapons of mass destruction), and now the leak from Karl Rove.

I am truly angry about the way this

administration is handling its control of the country. Meanwhile, the world is suffering from the lack of leadership and desire for war.

The outing of undercover CIA agent Valerie Plame is outrageous because she had a political, not a patriotic, agenda.

Ambassador Joe Wilson was rebuffed the bogus claims by the Bush administration about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Revealing the undercover identity of Wilson's CIA agent wife was an attempt to discredit Wilson and silence critics of the Iraq war. The lies that he was exposed were central to the rationale for war the Bush administration sold to American people.

The Bush political machine that is run by Rove must be stopped!

Ben Han  
Albany

## Mass distraction

The nomination of John Roberts to the Supreme Court at this time is supposed to be a mass distraction.

Poor Roberts is merely a pawn in the game to get press and public attention away from the treason of Karl Rove.

Sadly for us and for the cause of justice, the play seems to be working.

W. Frederick Sh  
El Cerrito

## Bay Area blues

In many Bay Area locations, people turned out July 23 to show their dissent for the way the president is running things.

Generally, they wanted someone to be accountable. Rep. Barbara Lee's "mandated accountability," while Global Warming change co-founder Medea Benjamin claimed the Downing Street memo could provide grounds for impeachment.

I'm sick and tired of the location "bring to justice" and "holding someone accountable." The first is a euphemism and the second is far too warm and cozy. I want the perpetrators punished.

I'm also tired of hearing that something is grounds for something. The Downing Street memo is evidence of the president's lie.

The invasion of Iraq was born in megalomania and propagated in messianic tones. The result of executing this sanctimonious sleight-of-hand has been to steal permanently damage the lives of millions of thousands of people — men, women and children, theirs and ours.

If that doesn't deserve punishment, nothing does.

Marvin Chace  
San Pablo

## Dangerous leaks

If it is so dangerous, maybe even fatal, for a government official to "leak" covert agent to a reporter, why is it perfectly legal, even admirable, for a newspaper to publish the name of that agent for the whole world to see? Just wondering.

Ronny B. B  
Point Richmond



# Earthquake expert Bruce Bolt dies at 75

UC Berkeley professor  
had a hand in many  
of the state's hazard  
and preparedness laws

By Betsy Mason  
STAFF WRITER

Bruce Bolt, a passionate, influential advocate for seismic safety who was instrumental in forming many of the state's earthquake hazard and preparedness laws, died July 21 in an Oakland hospital of pancreatic cancer.

Bolt, who was one of California's best-known earthquake experts, was 75.

"He leaves a very rich legacy of public policy," said engineer Fred Turner of the California Seismic Safety Commission, for whom Bolt was a commissioner for 15 years, including a year as chairman in 1986. "It's a very big loss for California."

During Bolt's tenure as commissioner from 1978 to 1993, the commission sponsored numerous bills that became California law, including the seismic hazard mapping program, earthquake preparedness programs, seismic safety improvements for reinforced masonry buildings, noble homes, private schools and hospitals, and disclosure of earthquake weaknesses to potential home buyers.

"It was a very prolific era," said Turner, who has worked for the commission since 1988. Turner was a student of Bolt, who was a professor at UC Berkeley and director of the University of California Seismograph Stations.

Bolt was also known for his work in bridging the gap between seismologists and engineers to help them design buildings to better withstand earthquakes. At UC Berkeley he was a professor of earth and planetary sciences from 1963 to 1983, but he also was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1978 and joined the school's civil and environmental engineering department in 1988.

Another of Bolt's hallmarks was his ability to communicate complicated, arcane scientific issues to the public and lawmakers and motivate them to improve safety and preparedness, said Turner. Bolt wrote two pop-

## EPITAPH

### BRUCE BOLT

■ BORN: Feb. 15, 1930, Largs, New South Wales, Australia

■ DIED: July 21, 2005, Oakland

■ SURVIVORS: Wife Beverly (Bentley) of Berkeley; daughters Gillian Bolt Kohli of Wellesley, Mass., Helen Bolt Jueaz of Fremont, and Margaret Barber of Rumson, N.J.; son Robert of Hillsborough; sister, Fay Bolt of Sydney, Australia; and 14 grandchildren.

■ MEMORIAL SERVICE: 3 p.m. today in the Faculty Club, UC Berkeley campus. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bolt's name should be sent to the California Academy of Sciences or to the Bear Valley Tennis Club, c/o Ann Wolff, Treasurer, 151 Pepper Court, Los Altos, CA 94022

ular books, "Earthquakes: A Primer" and "Inside the Earth: Evidence From Earthquakes."

Bolt consulted on many major seismic projects, including virtually every one of note in the state — dams, bridges, airports and a nuclear power plant. Most recently he worked on an assessment of the Transbay Tube. He also consulted on the Alaska pipeline and the Aswan Dam in Egypt.

Active to the end, Bolt was scheduled to speak at a conference in April in San Francisco to mark the 100th anniversary of the 1906 earthquake and had returned in June from a trip to the Galapagos Islands with the California Academy of Sciences.

"He was going full bore," said daughter Gillian Bolt Kohli in a UC Berkeley news release Monday. "He kept up an amazing pace because he was so much in demand."

Bolt was president of the California Academy of Sciences from 1982 to 1985, and also served on its board of trustees for 12 years. He pushed for an exhibit about earthquake preparedness and narrated a demonstration about the 1906 earthquake for that exhibit, which was on view for about 20 years, said academy provost Terrence Goslin.

He recalled walking by that exhibit many times and hearing Bolt's voice saying, "We must be prepared; it will happen again."

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# Children's books lost behind marketing

## Quote of the week

"To the corporation, a Clifford key ring is no different from a Clifford book. Each is a 'container' for the idea of 'Clifford.' Each 'container' is simply a means for a child to experience 'Cliffordness.' In this world there is no difference between a book and a video or a CD or a T-shirt or a backpack."

— Daniel Hade, "Storyselling," from "Horn Book Magazine"

"STORYSELLING," quoted above, is a thought-provoking look at the merchandising of children's books, including Clifford the Big Red Dog. In his article, Hade talks about his childhood love of the "Curious George" books. "Back then," he says, "I had to satiate my Curious George desires by checking the books out of the library and reading the stories over and over again."

On the other hand, he points out, today's child can wake up to a Curious George alarm clock, after sleeping on Curious George sheets and using a Curious George comforter. He describes the toys, lunch box, backpack, cookie jar, doll, kite,



JULIE WINKELSTEIN  
At the Library

movie and costume he could also own — and concludes by pointing out all of these items and more are available online.

I couldn't resist going to Amazon.com myself and conducting a search for "Harry Potter" merchandise. Probably because I have no young children at home, I have been basically untouched by the extensive marketing of this name — and so I was quite impressed by the amazing array of items available in all sorts of categories, like: home & garden (210 items); outdoor living (22); apparel (38); computer & video games (63); and kitchen & housewares (26). We've come a long way since I mailed my "Lone Ranger" ring and silver bullet.

This merchandising is apparently critical for the ongoing sales of many children's books. Reaching across all aspects of a child's life, it is no

longer about the book but about a "brand" — like Curious George or Madeline.

According to Hade, there are eight corporations that dominate children's book publishing in the United States — and these eight produced more than 84 percent of the books reviewed in the "Horn Book Magazine" in 2000. This can be compared with 34.4 percent of the reviews in 1967 — again, from the top eight children's book publishers. These corporations are driven by the desire to make a much larger profit than the publishers of old — when a 4 percent profit margin was considered acceptable. The current margin of 12 percent to 15 percent puts pressure on up-and-coming authors to produce a book that can be successfully marketed in a variety of ways.

A piece from 2004 in "Arts in the News" on the 103.5 F.M. Washington, D.C., Web site ([stage.wgms.com](http://stage.wgms.com)), called "Rowling Transforms Kid Lit and Embodies Brit Grit," talks about the effects of this kind of pressure on the authors of children's books. Barry Cunningham, the Bloomsbury editor who took a chance on Rowling, points out that the kind of money involved now in the

publishing of children's literature gives people "a shorter window of opportunity to succeed before the next thing comes along to push them off the shelves."

An article from 1999 called "Licenses R Us" by Michael Wolff ([newyorkmetro.com](http://newyorkmetro.com)) gives a fascinating, if somewhat depressing, view of licensing and children's books. As Wolff says: "Books are just part of the story (and not the story itself)."

After reading these articles, I am beginning to understand the power of the marketplace when it comes to the success of a children's book.

And I found myself imagining the adult equivalent of these products. For instance, there could be a "Da Vinci Code" briefcase, with a picture of Mona Lisa on the front. Or, for mystery lovers, Temperance Brennan bed sheets, decorated with scalps, based on the Kathy Reichs series about a forensic anthropologist. Or ... well, you get the idea.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at [jwinkelstein@acclibrary.org](mailto:jwinkelstein@acclibrary.org) or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17.

## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The Albany Library will present poet Elizabeth Rosner on Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Much of Rosner's writing reflects her efforts to come to terms with the impact of being the daughter of Jewish Holocaust survivors.

Her prize-winning short fiction and poetry have been published in numerous literary journals such as Poetry, Poetry East, Another Chicago Magazine, The Cream City Review, and Southern Poetry Review.

Her poetry chapbook Gravity, one of the Select Poets Series published by Small Poetry Press, is currently in its 10th printing.

The library will also present a drop-in poetry writing Workshop, led by Alison Seevak, on Aug. 10 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Seevak is an Albany poet and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area.

Both events are in the Edith

Stone Room, and are free and open to all ages.

The Albany Library is located at 1247 Marin Ave. and is a branch of the Alameda County Library.

For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720, Ext. 17.

Poet and songwriter Alice Templeton and musician and performing artist JoAnne Henry will sing and play old favorites and original pieces at the Albany Library on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Templeton is originally from Kentucky and Tennessee, where she played in bands that showcased new music. She teaches creative writing at the Art Institute of California in San Francisco.

Henry is originally from Nebraska, and has performed in regional theaters and in other performance venues in the southeast, the Midwest, the Bay

Area, as well as internationally.

The following Tuesday (Aug. 9) at 7 p.m., the duo Just Kidding will perform traditional American music using song, instruments and movement. Their focus is to invite the audience to become involved in the creative process of performing music. Instruments used will include washboards, sandblocks, gutbucket, shakers, kazoos and spoons.

These are the latest in a series of free summer Tuesday evening events at the Albany Library. No registration is required, and all ages are welcome.

For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720, Ext. 17.

Margo Weckslar will host another of her origami events at the Albany Library on Aug. 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. In this workshop, participants will learn the mysterious inside reverse fold and

then make the elegant eight-unit modular ring. They can be used as art, decorations, ornaments, greeting cards or jewelry.

Weckslar is an artist, teacher and storyteller. She has been folding origami since she was 8, and will fold anything from gum and candy wrappers and paper placemats to recycled class announcements and occasionally even origami paper.

All supplies are provided, and no registration is required. All ages are welcome. Cookies will be served.

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— Craig Lazzaretto

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# Calendar

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## Coming Up

### Children

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science**, 1 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, presents residential camps: "Yosemite Park Backpacking Science Camp" session two, for ages 11-16, July 30-Aug. 4. Details: www.lawrencehallscience.org and 510-642-5134.

■ **Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center** presents Putumayo's "Swing Around the World" CD Release Party 3-4:30 p.m. July 31 at 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Family event, swing dance lessons with Nick & Leah. Cost: \$4-\$6, toddlers free. Details: 510-525-5054.

■ **Years Vacation Bible School** theme is "Road Trip Across the USA" from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 1-5 at The Church on the Corner, 1319 Solano Ave., Albany. Details: www.albanyfirstbaptist.org or Dori 510-243-7410.

■ **Stage Door Conservatory** presents summer musical theater classes for youths with start dates through Aug. 1 at Epworth Community Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., North Berkeley. Details: www.stageoorconservatory.org or 510-521-6250.

■ **Stop toxic toys** — Assemblywoman Wilma Chan kicks off the "Stop Toxic Toys" community campaign in the "Chan Van" mobile district office at the following location: 2-4 p.m. Aug. 2 at Berkeley Farmers Market, Derby Street & Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Free brochures, pedometers, pencils, healthy cookbooks, note pads also available.

■ **Shakespeare Camps** for youth ages 7-18 are weekdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at John Hinkel Park, 41 Somerset Ave., Berkeley. Aftercare available until 5:30 p.m. Schedule: teen camps through Aug. 5, Aug. 8-19. Cost: \$395, \$520 with aftercare. To enroll: call 800-978-PLAY, or download forms at www.sf-shakes.org and fax to 415-865-4433.

■ **Albany Library** presents: Wildlife Biology Research Camp for grades 9-12 is Aug. 8-13 at University of CA Sagenen Creek Field Station. — Marine Biology Research Camp for grades 9-12 is Aug. 17-22 at University of CA Bodega Marine Lab. Details: Julie 510-526-3720 x17.

■ **Julia Morgan Theatre's Family Film Sunday Series** presents "Charlotte's Web" at 11 a.m. Aug. 14 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Animated 1972 musical feature brings E.B. White's beloved children's novel to life. Tickets: \$5 at door. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Stage Door Conservatory** presents kids' musical theatre production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 and 5 p.m. Aug. 19, 20 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. This spirited family musical by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber retells biblical story of Joseph and comes alive when performed by young actors. Tickets: \$7.50-\$20; call 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Black Repertory Group Youth Department's Summer Day Camp** is through August for this summer's production of "The Wiz" at 201 Adeline St.,



MARGO RIVERA-WEISS

## 'Luminance' opens Aug. 12 at Giorgi Gallery

WORKS BY MARGO RIVERA-WEISS, above, Joanna Katz, Mimi Koch, Audrey Wallace-Taylor, Katherine McKay, Dorothy Nissen, Diane Rusnak, Sarah Whitecotton and Lee Williams will be on display in "Luminance," Aug. 12-Sept. 4 at Giorgi Gallery, 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley.

Berkeley. Details: 510-652-2120 or www.blackrepertorygroup.com.

## Community

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** presents the following animal adoption event: Cats available 12-3 p.m. July 30 at Pet Food Express, 1101 University Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-267-1915 or www.hopalong.org.

■ **International House at UC Berkeley** and Healing the Wounds of History present Hiroshima Stories, a commemorative event of performances and ritual in observance of the 60th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at 7:30 p.m. July 30 in I-House Auditorium, 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-220-2755 or www.livingartscenter.org.

■ **Tibetan Nyingma Institute**, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley, presents: Free Chant and Meditation 5-5:45 p.m. Sundays. — Lama Amdo on "Meditation and the Four Noble Truths" 6 p.m. July 31 at 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley, Free. Coming up: Lama Amdo on "Developing the Wish for Freedom" 6 p.m. Aug. 7. Lama Amdo on "The Great Guru Padmasambhava" 6 p.m. Aug. 14. Hugh Jowick and Santosh Philip on "Meditation and Philosophy" 6 p.m. Aug. 21. Chakara Jurgens on "Staying Young Through Kum Nye" 6 p.m. Aug. 28. Details: 510-843-8812 or www.nyingmainstitute.com.

■ **Berkeley Public Library** is holding a Community Informational Forum on **Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)** 6:30-9 p.m. Aug. 1 at South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St., Berkeley. Details: 510-981-6121.

■ **McGee Avenue Baptist Church Men's Fellowship** presents "National Night Out 2005" from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 2 at 1640 Stuart St., Berkeley. Solutions to violence & drugs in community discussed, community violence victims commemorated with prayer vigil & memorial. Free food, resource info provided. Topics include: community partnerships, youth perspectives, after school/summer youth programs, church's role in solution, supporting our elders. Details: 510-843-1774.

■ **Albany Library's** free summer Tuesday evening series presents live music with poet/songwriter Alice Templeton and performing artist JoAnne Henry at 7 p.m. Aug. 2 at 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. — Just Kidding duo performs at 7 p.m. Aug. 9. Traditional American music using song, instruments and movement. Audience participation encouraged; instruments include washboards, sandboxes, gubbucket, shakers, kazooes and spoons. Details: Julie 510-526-3720 ext. 17.

■ **North Berkeley Senior Center**, 1901 Hearst Ave., presents the following free events: Aug. 3: Birthday party, dance hall music with DJ Manny Gutierrez at 1:15 p.m. — Aug. 8: Dr. Loron McGillis will give a talk about nerve diseases and diagnostic tests at 10:30 a.m. — Aug. 9: Lucio Ellis shows video, leads a discussion about "Seat of the Human Soul" at 1 p.m. — Aug. 15: Parkinson's Support Group hosts speaker Richard Chan for a discussion about quality of life issues for people with Parkinson's disease at 10 a.m. — Aug. 16, 30: Cecilia Wann gives paper sculpture workshops at 1:30 p.m. — Aug. 23: Ice Cream Social features Diana Perry, ragtime and boogie music at 1:15 p.m. Details: 510-981-5190.

■ **"Statue of Liberty: Enlightening the World"** 1:30 p.m. Aug. 4 at Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. History Channel video explores initial struggles to find adequate funding for statue to its celebratory centennial restoration. No reservations required, refreshments provided. Details: 510-526-3720.

■ **American Red Cross** holds the following mobile blood drives: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 5 at 2480 Bancroft Way,

Berkeley. — 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 31 at MLK Student Union, East Pauley Ballroom. UC Berkeley. Weekly raffle prizes include drawings for Hawaiian vacations, special event tickets, \$100 gas cards. Details: 1-800-448-3543 or www.BeADonor.com.

■ **Albany Library** presents an origami workshop from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 6 at 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. Learn the inside reverse fold, make a modular ring with Margo Weckiser. Supplies provided, no registration required, all ages welcome. Cookies served. Details: Julie 510-526-3720 ext. 17.

■ **Fourth annual Bay Area Peace Lantern Ceremony** is 6:30-9 p.m. Aug. 6 at north end of Aquatic Park, west end of Addison Street, one block south of University Avenue, Berkeley. People worldwide float world float peace lanterns honoring the victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. Decorate lantern shades, hear Japanese music and messages from mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and watch candle-lit lanterns floating on the lagoon at dusk. Free. Volunteers are needed; sign up at: www.progressiveportal.org/lanterns/volunteer.html or 510-595-4626. Details: www.progressiveportal.org/lanterns.

■ **Ecology Center's Berkeley Farmer's Markets** are at three locations and times: Tuesday's Market is 2-7 p.m. on Derby Street at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. — North Shattuck farmers market is 3-7 p.m. Thursdays at Shattuck Avenue at Rose Street. It features all organically grown produce. — Saturday's market is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Civic Center Park, Center Street & Martin Luther King.

Jr. Way. All markets open year 'round, rain or shine. Details: 510-548-3333 or go to www.ecologycenter.org. Coming up: Tomato tasting 2-7 p.m. Aug. 9. — Tomato tasting 10 a.m.-3 p.m., theater piece on organic agriculture 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.; chef cooking demonstration 11:30 a.m. Aug. 13.

■ **BMW Ultimate Drive** for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through October at Westborough BMW, 750 Potter St., Berkeley. Test drive a fleet vehicle and BMW will donate \$1 for every mile driven to Foundation. Details: 877-4-A-DRIVE.

## Exhibits

■ **UC Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive**, 2825 Durant Ave. #2250, Berkeley, presents: "Welcome Danger" screening 3 p.m. July 31; "Storm and Stress" screening 7:30 p.m. Aug. 2; "And the Pursuit of Happiness" screening 5:30 p.m. Aug. 4; "Acting Out: Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore" through Aug. 7; "The Forest for the Trees: Judi Bari vs. the FBI" screening 7:30 p.m. Aug. 9; "Time in Yosemite" Aug. 10-Dec. 5; Eureka Fellowship 2002-2004 through Aug. 14; "Animal Attraction" screening 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16; "The Whip Hand" screening 7:30 p.m. Aug. 17; Matrix 217: Haim Steinbach through Sept. 4. Details: www.bampfa.berkeley.edu or 510-642-0808.

■ **Judeh L. Magnes Museum**, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, presents: "Acting Out: Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore" through July 31 at Reutlinger Gallery; "Revisions: Naomia Kremer, Studdert" through July 31. Hours: Sundays-Wednesdays 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Admission: \$6 adults, \$4 students/seniors. Details: 510-549-6950 or www.magnes.org.

■ **Innersport's** spring art show runs until August at 1250 Addison St. #102, Berkeley. Show features work by Scott Courtenay-Smith, Sally Kehn and Nita Moreno. Details: www.innersport.com.

■ **Sharing Watershed: Honoring Birds Project** with Regional Parks Foundation present an opening reception from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 14 at Tilden Nature Center, Tilden Park, Berkeley, celebrating the following: "Birds You Can Read Eleven" exhibition with artists Patricia Bullitt, Deborah Green and Annie Hallatt. Exhibition shows run from Aug. 4-Oct. 4. — "Migrating Woman with Bird" 3 p.m. performance with Patricia Bullitt, dancer with Merlin Coleman, cellist. Free. Details: 510-525-2233.

■ **ACCI Gallery**, 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, presents: 2005 New Member Show is through Aug. 12, with newest artists and their exciting work. Details: 510-843-2527 or www.accigallery.com.

■ **Giorgi Gallery** presents exhibition "Luminance" Aug. 12-Sept. 4 at 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Opening receptions are from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 13 & 6-9 p.m. Aug. 18. Show features work of Priscilla Birge, Joanna Katz, Mimi Koch, Audrey Wallace-Taylor, Katherine McKay, Dorothy Nissen, Diane Rusnak, Margo Rivera-Weiss, Sarah Whitecotton, and Lee Williams. Details: 510-532-9676.

■ **California Society of Printmakers** presents "More Than Expected" through

Aug. 26 at Crafts and Cultural Center, 1515 Clay St., Berkeley. Opening hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 12-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m. Free, with donations accepted. Details: 510-622-8190.

■ **22nd annual Berkeley Art Association National Juried Exhibition** through Aug. 27 at Berkeley Art Association, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. Hours: Wednesday-Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free, with donations accepted. Details: 510-644-6893 or www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center**, 1275 Shattuck Ave., presents the following exhibitions: Photos & Paintings by artists Roberto Salas, Francisco Salas, and others in lobby through Aug. 31. — by several Peruvian artists in lobby through Aug. 31. — Paintings by Andres Cisneros Galindo later through Aug. 29. Details: www.lapena.org or 510-848-6500.

■ **Albany Arts Committee** presents "From Life," featuring figurative paintings of the late artist Sept. 2 at Foyer Gallery, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5:50 p.m. Details: 510-524-1577.

■ **Shotgun Players** presents Rostand's classic story "Cyrano de Bergerac" 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 through Sept. 11 at John Hinkel Park, 41 Somerset Ave., Berkeley. Tickets accepted. Details: www.shotgunplayers.org or 510-841-6500.

■ **The Ames Gallery** presents "Recent Acquisitions" exhibit through Sept. 17 at 2661 Cedar St., Berkeley. Hours: 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. evenings/weekends by appointment. Details: 510-845-4949 or www.amesgallery.com.

■ **Badá Museum** presents "The Grace," a solo exhibit of the work of San Dunan Felix through Sept. 11 at the Museum of Religion, 1788 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment. Details: 510-848-0528.

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## Film/dance

■ **Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, presents: Summer lesson 8 p.m., Steve Lacy's "Rhumba Burns w/ Ms. Carmen" 9:30 p.m. July 29. \$11-\$13. — "Swing Around the World" CD Release Party 3 p.m. July 31. \$4-\$6. — Alexandria presents a night of Dance, Flamenco and Salsa. Dance 7:30 p.m. July 31. \$11-\$13. — Dance lesson 7:30 p.m., Brazilian Menagerie 8:30 p.m. Aug. 23. Grade St. Croix Reggae Show featuring Army, Abja, Niyar, King & Tuft Lion 9:30 p.m. Aug. \$15. — Grateful Dead DJ Night Digital Dave 10 p.m. Aug. 4. Details: www.ashkenaz.com, 525-5054.

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**Shogun Players** present sketch comedy show "Killing My Lobster and Wonderful World of Science" July 29, 8 p.m. at Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave. Showtimes: Thursdays & Fridays 8 p.m.; Saturdays 7:30 p.m.; Sundays 10 p.m. July 30, 7 p.m. July 31. You don't need a PhD when a passing grade in high school chemistry is to follow along as a pot of frogs look for hot dates, math is a promising romance and a dinner from audience is invited to run at speed of light. Tickets: \$17; go to [killingmylobster.com/tix](http://killingmylobster.com/tix).

**Julia Morgan Center** presents "Passages" 8 p.m. July 29 at the Morgan Center for the Arts, 2240 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: \$30-\$40; call 925-798-1300. Details: [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

**Pena Cultural Center**, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, presents the "Romero y Raja" 8 p.m. July 29. Tickets: \$15. — **Maestros de la Bahia** 8:30 p.m. July 30. — **Bombazo in La Pena's Cafe** 8:30 p.m. — "Doing Time, Doing Time" 8:30 p.m. — "A Zen Tale" film 8:30 p.m. — **Women's Big Band** 8:30 p.m. — **Chuchumbé** 8:30 p.m. — **Cale** 8:30 p.m. — **Open Mic with Kira Allen** 7:30 p.m. — **Donation** 10 p.m. — **Bobby** 10 p.m. — **Julia Morgan Music Project** 8 p.m. — **Julia Morgan Music Project** 8 p.m. — **Cale Poetry** Open Mic 8:30 p.m. — **Julia Morgan Music Project** 8:30 p.m. — **Julia Morgan Music Project** 8:30 p.m. — [www.lapena.org](http://www.lapena.org) or 925-2558.

**Open variety show "A Night of Comedy"** 8:30 p.m. July 30 at Comic Book, 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Live from theatrical uncompromising of the Brown Burns, with stories by Matt Hoadway. Free. Details: 510-210-3333 or [www.comicrelief.net](http://www.comicrelief.net) or [www.allvoices.com](http://www.allvoices.com).

**Annual San Francisco Jewish Theater** is July 31-Aug. 6 at Berkeley Repertory Theatre's Roda Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Twenty-nine shows, starting at 11:45 a.m. July 31, 1 p.m. Aug. 2, 12 p.m. Aug. 3, 12:30 p.m. Aug. 4, 12 p.m. Aug. 5, 12:30 p.m. Aug. 6. Details: 925-275-9490; details: [www.sanfranciscojewishtheater.org](http://www.sanfranciscojewishtheater.org).

**Reading Writers: Celebrating** through Live Readings presents stories by Lorie Moore, Maria Faria and John Updike 7:30 p.m. — **Berkeley City Club**, 2215 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Book Exchange: book or take a book. Details: 510-845-2378 or [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

**Shakespeare Theater** presents "What You Can" matinee for the Life and Adventures of Nicholas "Pat" O'Neil 2 p.m. Aug. 6 at the theater, 100 Gateway Blvd., Berkeley. Tickets: \$35-\$45 advance; a limited number of cash-only seats available on a cash-only basis beginning hours before show. — **Inside** 7:45 p.m. Aug. 1. Free. Details: 925-2558 or [www.CatShakes.org](http://www.CatShakes.org).

**Repertory Group**, 3201 Adeline Ave., Berkeley, presents: Night Owl Comedy on 3rd Saturdays monthly. — **Free Lunch Program** is Aug. 4. Details: 510-852-2120 or [www.repertorygroup.com](http://www.repertorygroup.com).

**Performances** presents "Eye Sea" performance by 2005 Berkeley Alley Camp 3 p.m., 7 p.m. — **UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Playhouse** 510-642-9988.

**Costa Civic Theatre** presents musical "Anything Goes" 8

p.m. Fridays & Saturdays through Aug. 13, 2 p.m. Sundays July 10-Aug. 7 at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Admission: \$12-\$20. Reservations: 510-524-9132 or [www.cccd.org](http://www.cccd.org).

**Actors Ensemble of Berkeley** presents Agatha Christie's "A Murder is Announced" 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays through Aug. 13 at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Admission: \$10. Reservations: 510-649-5999 or [www.aebcberkeley.org](http://www.aebcberkeley.org).

**Berkeley Repertory Theatre** presents Mike Daisey's "The Ugly American" through Aug. 13 at Thrust Stage, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Showtimes: Wednesdays & Sundays 7 p.m.; Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 8 p.m. Solo show about one man's misadventures as an exchange student in London. Tickets: \$15-\$35. For group discounts, call 510-647-2918. Tickets/details: 510-647-2949, toll free 888-8-BRTT-X, or [www.berkeleyrep.org](http://www.berkeleyrep.org).

**Berkeley Repertory Theatre** presents a special workshop of Mike Daisey's "Monopoly!" at 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at Thrust Stage, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Tickets: \$5. Tickets/details: 510-647-2949, toll free 888-8-BRTT-X, or [www.berkeleyrep.org](http://www.berkeleyrep.org).

## Health/Fitness

**Affordable Kundalini Yoga** is Tuesdays 4:15-5:30 p.m. through Aug. 16 at Studio 12, 2625-8th St., Berkeley. Six weeks cost \$42. Details: 510-841-4339.

**Berkeley's Fibromyalgia Support Group** holds their third annual "Show and Tell" Rap Session from 12-2 p.m. Aug. 16 at Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Attendees are asked to bring items, information or hot tips that help them manage their fibromyalgia. Free. Newly or non-diagnosed people also welcome. Details: Deborah 510-644-3273.

## Learning

**RabbitEars Rescue** presents the following dog obedience classes/events at 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington: Breakfast and Birding 8-11 a.m. July 30. \$25. — **Meet the Bunnies** 2-4 p.m. July 31. — **Dogs as Bodhisattvas** and Teachers with Vallejo Zen Center's Sister Mary Moine Aug. 6. \$25. — **Puppy Prep** 12-1 p.m. Saturdays Aug. 6-27. \$100. — **Basic Manners** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays through Aug. 13. Fee: \$125. Reservations: 510-525-6155.

**Jazzschool**, 2087 Addison St., Berkeley, presents the following classes: "Ta Te Ti Na - Experiencing Multiple Layers of Rhythm" with David Allport 2-4 p.m. July 31. \$20-\$30. — **Tricks of the Trade**: Ask the Piano Player with Debbie Poyres 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Aug. 7. \$30-\$45. — **Sibelius 3** Demonstration with Bruce Munson 1:30-4 p.m. Aug. 7. Free for members, \$15 non-members. — **Brazilian Music**: Past, Present and Future with Harvey Wainapel 12-2:30 p.m. Aug. 7, 14. \$25 per day. — **Exploring Jazz Guitar** with John Stowell 8:15-10:15 p.m. Aug. 11, 5-7 p.m. Aug. 12. \$65-\$80. — **Personal Financial Planning for Musicians** with Adam Messinger 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Aug. 14. Details: 650-845-5373 or [www.jazzschool.com](http://www.jazzschool.com).

**St. John's Prime Timers Senior Center**, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley, offers: Don Worth leads Current Events discussion "Events in the News" 11 a.m. Aug. 2. — "Get Into the Success Zone" blood pressure screening and seminar. Get a chance to win a free OMRON Blood Pressure Monitor 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 9. — **Diana Bohn** shows video titled "The Road to Hope" made with Pottery for Peace 11 a.m. Aug. 16. Manicures by Carolyn Law. Charles Fitch shows travel slides 11 a.m. Aug. 23. "Let's Talk" with Helen 11 a.m. Aug. 30. Details: 510-845-8830.

**Vista Community College** classes start Aug. 17 at 2020 Milvia St., Berkeley. Classes include: Computer software, two-year associate degree, one-year occupational certificate programs in computer information systems. Registration open through Sept. 3. Details/registration: [www.peralta.cc.ca.us](http://www.peralta.cc.ca.us) or 510-981-2800.

**McCutcheon Construction**, Harmonie Home host a **Green Building Workshop** 8-8 p.m. Aug. 18 at Harmonie Home showroom, 1820 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Learn how to create a more comfortable and healthy home, while conserving natural resources. Cost: \$20. Light refreshments. Reservations: 510-559-3229.

**Vista Community College** upcoming travel classes are as follows: "Air Travel" begins Aug. 18 in Room 50. "Travel Industry Resources and Procedures" begins 6:30 p.m. Aug. 22 at 24 Wheeler Hall, UC Berkeley. Details/registration: [www.peralta.cc.ca.us](http://www.peralta.cc.ca.us) or 510-981-2800.

**Latin jazz artist John Calloway** gives a free Lecture-Demonstration 8-10 p.m. Aug. 19 at Jazzschool, 2087 Addison St., Berkeley. Part of Downtown Berkeley Jazz Festival 2005: discover relationship between jazz and Latin or Afro-Cuban music. Free.

## Literary events

**Poetry Express** weekly open mike hosted by Mark States is on Mondays at 7 p.m. at Priya Indian Cuisine, 2072 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Upcoming features: Aug. 1: Tureeda Mikell. Aug. 8: Paula Farkas. Aug. 15: Barbara Belle-Diamond. Aug. 22: Eugene David. Aug. 29: theme night "Ex's." Sept. 12: Karen Polmann, John Burgess. Sept. 19: Kirk Lumpkin. Sept. 26: theme night "Beginnings and Endings." Details: [emalkeberkeleypoetryexpress@yahoo.com](mailto:emalkeberkeleypoetryexpress@yahoo.com).

**Albany Library** presents First Thursdays and Second Wednesdays in Edith Stone Room, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. First Thursdays: Featured Poet and Open Mic at 7-9 p.m. Aug. 4. Prize-winning poet Elizabeth Rosner. — **Second Wednesdays**: drop-in Poetry Writing Workshop 7-9 p.m. Aug. 10, led by Allison Seewalk. Free, ongoing, open to all ages. Cookies will be served. Details: Julie 510-526-3720 ext. 17.

**Readers Anonymous**, the El Cerrito Library Book Club, presents upcoming selections for meetings held at 7-8 p.m. at 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito: "Dive from Clausen's Pier" by Ann Packer on Aug. 23; "Painstorm" by Kent Haruf on Sept. 27; "Easter Island" by Jennifer Vandenberg on Oct. 25; "Pompeii" by Robert Harris on Nov. 29; "Breath, Eyes, Memory" by Edwidge Danticat on Dec. 27. Free. Details: 510-526-7512 or go to [www.cccil.org](http://www.cccil.org).

## Meetings

**City of Berkeley Creeks Task Force** meetings are held 7-9:30 p.m. at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Schedule is as follows: Aug. 1, 15; Sept. 12, 19; Oct. 3, 17; Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 5. Details: [www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/planning/fanduse/Creeks/default.html](http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/planning/fanduse/Creeks/default.html).

**Progressive Democrats of the East**

Bay puttuck picnic and general meeting on special election is 12:30-3:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at Cordones Park, Euclid Avenue & Eunice Street, Berkeley. Drinks, charcoal provided. Details: 510-526-4632.

## Music

**Starry Plough Club**, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, presents upcoming shows: — **Botticelli**, Nineteen Eightyfour, Pyramus Never Dies, Picture Theory July 29. \$8. — **Grapefruit** Ed July 30. \$8. — **Starry Irish Music Session** led by Shay Black 8 p.m. July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28. Sliding scale. — **Dance Class and Celli** (Traditional Irish music session) 9 p.m. Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Class 7 p.m. Free. — **Open mic** 7:30 p.m. Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Free. — **Berkeley Poetry Slam** with host Charles Ellik and Three Blind Mice 8:30 p.m. Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. \$5-\$7. — **Robbie Fuks**, Famous 9:30 p.m. Aug. 4, 11. — **20 Minute Loop**, Farma, Jeffrey Luck Lucas 9:30 p.m. Aug. 5. \$6. — **Three Piece Combo**, Nuclear Rabbit 9:30 p.m. Aug. 6. \$6. — **Diamond Moodie**, Chris Marsol 9:30 p.m. Aug. 11. \$5. — **Catholic Comb**, Foma 9:30 p.m. Aug. 12. \$6. — **Sharpies**, Capitol, Glimmer Stars 9:30 p.m. Aug. 13. \$6. Details: 510-841-2082 or [www.starryploughpub.com](http://www.starryploughpub.com). Shows at 9:30 p.m., for ages 21+ unless noted.

**Shattuck Down Low**, 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, presents: Karaoke 8 p.m. Tuesdays; Salsa Night Wednesdays: beginner lessons 8-8:45 p.m., intermediate lessons 8:45-9:30 p.m.; Community Thursdays with DJs 8 p.m. \$5; "King of Kings" Reggae Dance Night Sundays 8 p.m. — **Shotgun Wedding Quintet**, Felo-nious, DJ Platium & Centipede 9:30 p.m. July 29. \$5-\$8. — **Maya Azucena** 10 p.m. July 30. \$10-\$12. — **DJ's Common Sense** & Rocker T, Special Birthday Celebration for Mama L & Asha 8 p.m. July 31. — **Wine up Pan M!** w/Spragga Benz and the Red Square Family 9 p.m. Aug. 5. \$20. — **"Brazil"** w/Sotache Baiano 9 p.m. Aug. 6. \$10-\$12. — **Brown Baggin'**: the finest in oaktown funk 9:30 p.m. Aug. 12. \$5. — **"Angel Magik"** w/DJ's Ice Water, Engine Room, Jah Kno 9 p.m. Aug. 13. \$15. — **Fito Reynoso** 9 p.m. Aug. 19. \$5-\$8. — **Mingus Amungus** 9 p.m. Aug. 20. \$8-\$10. Details: 510-548-1159 or [www.shattuckdownlow.com](http://www.shattuckdownlow.com).

**Jazzschool**, 2087 Addison St., Berkeley, presents: Jazzschool Jam Sessions

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**"7 Valleys"** with Mohammad Reza Lotfi is 8 p.m. July 30 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2240 College Ave., Berkeley. Master Persian classical musician Mohammad Reza Lotfi on tar and setar, accompanied by his son Omid Lotfi on setar and Mehrdad Arabi on tomlbank and daf. Tickets: \$30-\$40; call: 925-798-1300. Details: [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

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## Theater

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On Thursday, Catherine Fischer said she had received the bids but didn't want to say what they were. Many details still needed to be worked out, she said. "We are very clear about being responsible and using public money wisely, and that's exactly what we are doing," she said.

On Wednesday, Bill Jones, one of the City Council members that sits on the redevelopment board, said he didn't know what the bids were but wasn't surprised that they came in higher than expected. "Construction costs are high right now," Jones said. "I don't think that's a secret. They've been going up since the first of the year."

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## District short on reconstruction funds

By Shirley Dang  
STAFF WRITER

The West Contra Costa school district will fall nearly \$5 million short of the amount necessary to finish its middle and high school reconstruction.

Renovating 22 schools will cost an estimated \$548 million, according to the July capital as-

essment report.

The middle and high schools are expected to cost \$260 million, or \$4.9 million more than the amount of money the district has to rebuild those campuses.

Engineering officer Bill Savidge said that delays and anticipated change orders that are not yet booked make up the ex-

tra costs.

Portola Middle School, built on a landslide-prone area in El Cerrito, will be delayed more than a year to do more soils testing.

Bond Oversight Committee members have said that a shortfall could mean eliminating or curtailing certain renovations.

## Loved ones mourn Berkeley High School grad

By Shirley Dang  
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of friends, family and former teachers filled the gym at Berkeley High School last Friday to mourn the tragic shooting death of 19-year-old Meleia Willis-Starbuck, a 2003 graduate of the school. Here is what some had to say.

"I miss you, Meleia. You are the most admirable person I know. ... You are an angel among a sea of ordinary people."

— Mercedes Ruiz-Hong

"I just want to let you know she left with love, feeling love. She left strong."

— Danielle Youngblood

"I was so glad I was able to hold her hand like she held mine." — Dana Johnson (describing how Willis-Starbuck helped Johnson deal with her mother's death. Johnson held Willis-Starbuck's hand as she struggled to live in the moments after the shooting.)



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

**WOMEN SOB** during Friday's memorial service in the Berkeley High gym for Meleia Willis-Starbuck, 19, a popular alumna who was shot to death July 17 after an altercation with men near her home.

"God doesn't do things for no reason. Now is not a time for anger. Now is the time for social change."

— Chea Castro, Willis-Starbuck's cousin

"I just want to say, rest in power, Baby Girl."

— Kimberly Willis-Starbuck, Meleia's mother

"In us, Meleia, you will live on eternally."

— Ruiz-Hong.

## Bus

FROM PAGE A1

The 32,000-student district paid \$5.5 million for special education busing this past year, said Vince Kilmartin, an associate superintendent. The district and private groups such as booster clubs also paid Laidlaw \$400,000 for athletic and special event transportation, Kilmartin said.

Laidlaw, district administrators and parents were scheduled to meet this week to discuss the accusations. West Contra Costa may seek reimbursement for poor service, Kilmartin said.

The district, which has contracted with Laidlaw for more than 20 years, Kilmartin said, paid nearly \$6 million.

"We expect the best,"

The first day, Omar's mother, Cleopatra Earl, wheeled her son to the porch to wait for the bus.

Classes started about 8 a.m. Several hours later, she called the company asking when the bus would arrive — a scene that repeated for the next three weeks, she said.

When buses did show up, they sometimes came ill-equipped for Omar's wheelchair, Earl said, prompting a call for yet another bus.

"Somebody is not doing their job," Earl said.

Adriana Ibarra of Hercules said her autistic 5-year-old daughter missed one to two days a week for four weeks because of transportation mishaps.

## SCHOOL BUS COMPANY

Name: Laidlaw Education Services

Headquarters: Naperville, Ill.

Students carried: 2.3 million a day; 1,600 daily in West Contra Costa.

Fleet: 39,070 buses

Employees: 45,110

Drivers: 41,142

District contracts: 1,000

Owner: Toronto-based Laidlaw International, which also owns Greyhound

Source: laidlawschoolbus.com

Not knowing when Laidlaw would arrive, she continued to get her daughter ready for a 6:30 a.m. pickup.

"They came late almost every day," Ibarra said. "Sometimes, the bus didn't even show up."

Perry admitted busing got off to a rocky start, which can happen when new routes and schedules go into effect.

In some cases, confusion arose from address changes, which may take two or three days to process and require the district's official sign-off, Perry said.

"I'm aware that we went to an address and the student wasn't there," Perry said.

The company addressed all the complaints it received, Perry said. "Every student after week two was picked up. Every route was covered."

By that time, summer school

was half finished.

The delays also rendered useless goods and services reserved for chronically absent children. Food went uneaten, Borg said, and two severely disabled students missed paid hydrotherapy sessions.

"We paid for services we never even got," Borg said.

The complaints could have a chilling effect come negotiation time, especially in light of similar accusations cast in spring, said school board member Dave Brown.

"At that time, Laidlaw promised to fix things," Brown said. "Unfortunately, things got even worse. I feel very strongly that our kids need the services, not the promises."

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## Tax

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Resident Joan Larson said 85 percent of the school district's general fund goes to district salaries and benefits. She said she wanted to see a more detailed explanation for how the parcel tax money would be used.

"We want to know and we want you to be accountable for how you spend our dollars," Larson said.

In response, Walden suggested additional language saying the tax money would go to maintaining staff salaries at the mean of comparable cities.

In addition, Walden and School Board Vice President Charlie Blanchard formed a subcommittee that will craft new language for the measure before Aug. 1.

The board is also considering

teaming up with the city and placing a joint measure on a future ballot, an idea proposed by Wong and City Administrator Beth Pollard.

Several residents, including Sally Outis, advised against the plan, saying it would confuse voters.

"What people don't understand, they vote against," she said.

Walden said the district should move forward in November whether or not the city does.

"Frankly, school funding is more appealing to voters," she said.

The city is considering a November or June parcel measure asking residents to pass a \$145 tax per household. It would tax multifamily, commercial and industrial properties at a different rate, and raise about \$1 million annually.

Forty percent of the money would go to city improvements, including renovation and repair of the Veteran's Memorial Building

for new and expanded recreation programs. "Pierce Street between Pierce Street and ton and Cleveland and storm drain rehabilitation."

The city would use of the money for paving; 13 percent for recreation and 12 percent for maintenance. expanded library services percent for city landscaping and upkeep of city facilities.

A few residents expressed concern that Albany voters feeling overtaxed. The school district was well for its future.

Resident Bob Outis, a member of the city or the school district, said a bad idea in part because they were unorganized.

"You both have seen them," he said.

## Hermes

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Around a bend, excited second-graders crowd around the camp's range masters to learn gun safety and try a few shots. Young archers wait their turn nearby.

"What does BB stand for?" asks rangemaster Eric Weinmann, a Scout leader for Pinole Pack 42.

A youngster hazards a guess, "Um, barbecue?"

They go through the essentials of BBs — and find out they're named for their resemblance to ball bearings — including goggles and safety protocols. Then "Rangemaster James," El Cerrito High senior James Mangrum, gets to the good stuff. Mangrum hoists a BB gun in the air and begins explaining the parts.

"This is the stock," he says.

"And this is the butt."

The boys dissolve. But soon, they're all plastic-covered machines fully sighting down the barrel, squeezing off a shot. pfft. During the course, they will rotate through eponym, crafts and sports too.

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## Landscape

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Homeowners have paid \$72 for the lighting and landscaping tax since it was implemented in 1988. The general fund is subsidizing the tax by \$383,000.

Godbe also gave respondents supporting and opposing arguments for a tax increase and then asked whether the arguments made them more or less inclined to vote for it.

The top supporting arguments were: All funds from the assessment will be spent on things that ultimately enhance public safety and the quality of life in the city; improved lighting along San Pablo Avenue, the Ohlone Greenway and in public parking lots will reduce crime; and a citizens' oversight committee will ensure that the money is properly spent.

The top arguments that would make respondents less inclined to vote for the increase are: The tax will never go away; the city can't

be trusted to spend the money wisely; and taxes are already too high in the city.

Two opposing arguments made respondents more inclined to vote for the tax: Why should all property owners pay for a tax when only a small amount will benefit from the improvements; and repairing the lights and maintaining trees is the city's responsibility. Property owners shouldn't have to pay extra for it.

Survey respondents were also asked about which features of the tax would make them more likely to vote in favor of it. The top answers were: Replacing lighting along the Ohlone Greenway; replacing or trimming damaged or dangerous trees; repairing and replacing damaged or dangerous fencing in local parks; maintaining all city play fields; and removing graffiti.

The five least popular features were: Improving equipment and landscaping along the Ohlone Greenway; replacing lights along San Pablo Avenue; providing ad-

ditional surveillance cameras; emergency phones; streets and in public areas; providing better access in parks to enhance safety; and installing boxes at all parks.

In February, the Council authorized the \$27,076 levy to see by how much they were willing to increase. In March, the council authorized lighting and landscaping as one of its top priorities.

On July 18, the council made no decision on whether to retain the tax for another year. It made no decision on whether to move forward with the tax on a November ballot. Property owners would not mail.

But Councilman Bill Mayor Pro Tem James said a November ballot was highly unlikely.

"We'd have to wait a gauge, and there's a date August," Abelson said that's about an impossible

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## Up from the ashes: Grizzly Peak home combines content with community

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how Saturday's fire became Sunday's disaster. "Eyewitness accounts testify that a sole ember blew into a tree just outside (Saturday's) burn area, and the tree exploded into flame," said Parker.

The fire ran uphill up Buckingham Drive to Grizzly Peak Boulevard. It blazed with such intensity that it consumed 790 structures within the first hour.

Parker says that the fire burned 1,520 acres, which firefighters con-

tained in a 5.25-mile perimeter. Damage estimates exceeded \$1.5 billion, with the bulk of the damage in the destruction of 2,843 homes.

One of those homes belonged to John Collins. Collins returned to the moonscape that once "held a house nestled in some trees." He hired architect John Seals to build a clone of the home he lost in the fire.

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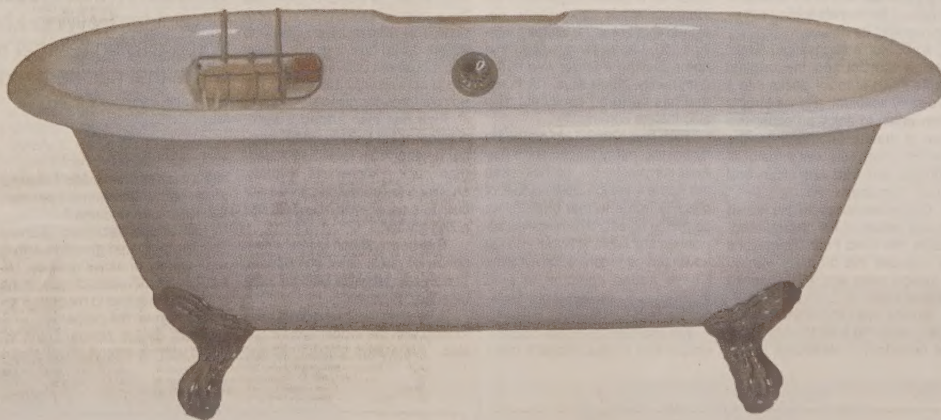
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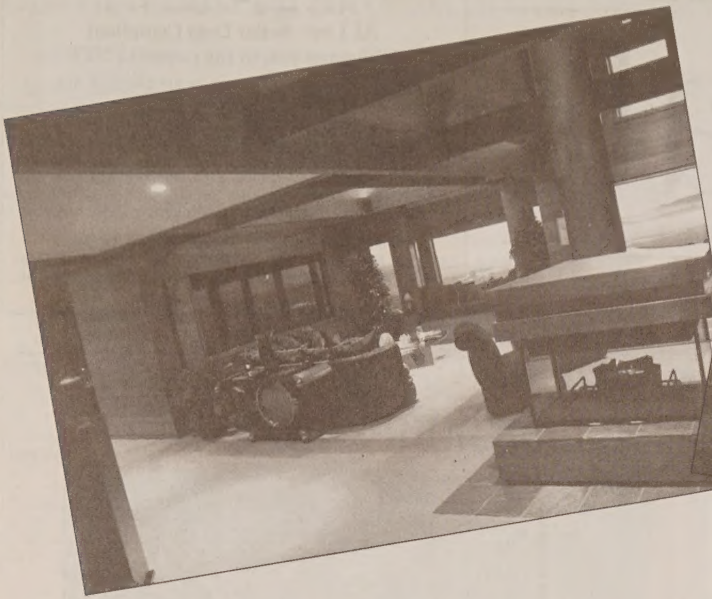


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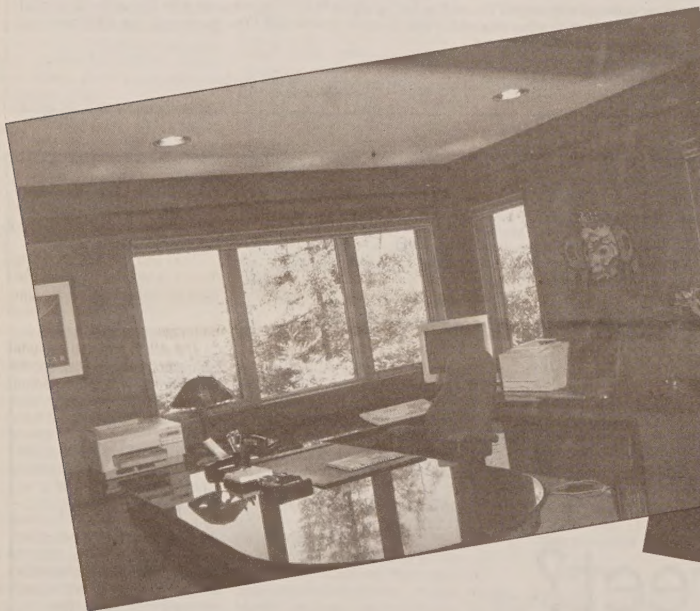
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## Home

FROM PAGE B1

According to Justin Henderson in Interior Magazine, Seals convinced Collins to "break the box" of the six modules that comprised his original home. Seals shuffled the modules to "improve spatial flow and to better orient the interiors to the view."

Collins looked to Kare Gjerde of Gjerde Construction and interior designer Barry Brukoff to implement Seals' designs. The team reconfigured the garage so that one only had to take two small steps instead of 25 to reach the kitchen from the garage (a change one can appreciate arriving home at the end of a long day or a late night out). They

replaced the redwood interior with stained cedar and hired Brukoff to transform the home's lighting to better highlight its details.

At Brukoff's suggestion, Seals' design transformed the original home's two outdoor decks into a two-story solarium, a glass bubble from which to enjoy an expansive view of the surrounding hills, the San Francisco Bay with three of its bridges and San Francisco and Mount Tamalpais.

Collins wanted more. He hoped for the return of his natural landscape. He hired Four Dimensions to "reforest" his property with 30 redwood trees and 15 Japanese Pepper trees.

Collins lived in the home until 1995, when he sold to Tony Rich, the president of IdeasOne. Under

Rich's loving care, the home has taken on a newer, larger-than-life identity. "While John (Seals) designed this home for elegant family living, I have always seen this home playing a larger role in the community," Rich says. "A home that has nurtured family life now also fosters community."

Rich has opened up his home by hosting many functions for Bay Area nonprofits. But he has taken the home's design beyond that of a family home to that of a private corporate retreat. "The home's well-planned architectural layout and the advanced communication systems I have added combine to lend themselves to secluded productivity," he said.

For example the home boasts a unique and private partner's office

suite, which Rich fully wired for phone and Internet. He did not simply make this a utilitarian spot to get some work done. This office features cedar-lined walls, custom built-in granite desks and a business utility room. This office is conveniently attached to the home's three-car garage.

Rich has also added a third, soundproofed level to Seals' original design. This level has a bedroom suite, a kitchenette, a library, an exercise room and private access to a panoramic view deck and a Zen garden.

This new addition is the perfect space for guest or au pair quarter. "It now also serve as full-floor master suite," Rich said.

"Like John Collins, I did not want to stop with the indoor space," he said. "I've always considered my-

self a steward here, and I wanted to strengthen the home's connection to its surroundings."

Landscape architect Michael Thilgen designed grounds with a wide variety of native species. He laid Zen garden paths of slate, stone and wood that lead to meditation areas hidden on the property.

Seals design brings nature indoors with his extensive use of surfaces with redwood, slate, French limestone, red carpeting, skylights, crafted lighting accents of kitchen and bath combine to complete the warmth an unparalleled

The author would like Tony Rich and Gene Boomer for their help with this article.

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## Real Estate Focus:

## Gracious Montclair home



ELEGANCE AND SPACIOUSNESS are features of this new Italian-influenced contemporary home at 2630 Mountain Blvd. In Oakland. With high ceilings, gracious proportions, quality craftsmanship, hardwood floors with decorative borders, and large, beautiful doors and windows, 2630 Mountain Boulevard in lower Montclair is a luxurious home. Slate steps lead to the entrance and wrap-around slate balcony. A circular marble pattern has been inlaid into the entrance hall, facing an impressive flight of stairs that overlooks the great room fireplace. A sunny office with a full bath is left of the entrance. To the right is a living room with a marble gas-burning fireplace and French doors leading to the balcony.

The state-of-the-art kitchen has a large informal eating area looking out to the balcony, a center island, professional Thermador cook top, double ovens and wine cooler. The formal dining room is accessed through the butler's pantry and opens to the garden. The second floor has four bedrooms and three bathrooms, including a master suite with walk-in closet, marble-and-granite bathroom, a Jacuzzi and glass shower. Close to the Village, shops, transportation and Joaquin Miller Park.

Price: \$1,190,000. Open Sunday, July 31 and Sunday, Aug. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Selling agent: Nic Tang, Marvin Gardens Real Estate, 510-527-9111, ext. 118.

## 'House Doctor' — former East Bay Realtor is international celebrity

Ann Maurice — or maybe she should be called Ann — has already havel As a former East Bay resident, Ann practiced real estate here in the 1970s and 1980s and from those humble beginnings, she has followed an upward path. Ann is now an extremely well known British television star featured in the smash hit program entitled "House Doctor."

Ann says, "You never know what life will take you, so you have to be open to new ideas and adventures." During her years of selling real estate, Ann was more intrigued by the idea of staging when preparing a house for sale. In the late 80's she moved to San Francisco, so she decided to leave sales and start an interior design business with an emphasis on faux painting techniques.

In 1994, she was attending a painting course in Italy when she met a woman from London whose daughter is a TV producer. When Ann began talking about the concept of staging, the mom phoned her to tell her that she had an American woman with a unique approach to selling property, and wouldn't it be a great idea to have a TV show in London? Events began to occur in rapid succession. Ann flew to England a week later and she filmed the first segment for a popular interior design television program.

Producers found a house in London that had been on the market for over a year. Ann made a makeover, the show featured shots of the Before and After aspects of the property, and in enough, the house sold immediately for full asking price, and her feature was a huge hit! A year passed before the next segment of the story was told. Ann returned to San Francisco and continued with her thriving interior design and faux painting business. Meanwhile, the original TV producer joined a different production company, and re-produced the idea of a new series called "House Doctor."

During Ann doing her fabulous makeovers of houses that were languishing on the market, Ann brought back to London, and

the show began in earnest.

It is now 8 years later, and "House Doctor" is one of the most popular TV shows in Britain. Ann admits that her producers sometimes encourage her to play the role of the outspoken American when telling the Brits what to do with their homes. However, the public adores her. (When Judith Glass of the Glass-Sabine team was living in London, she loved going out in public with Ann — even the taxi drivers recognized her and complimented her on the show). "House Doctor" is shown on stations throughout Great Britain and Scotland, also in Canada, and on BBC America.

It is fascinating to hear Ann's reflections on aspects of the typical British home, and the mindset of the British homeowners. She quickly learned that just as in any country, the culture and customs are different from those we are used to. First of all, the phrase "an English home" conjures up images of a quaint Cotswold cottage, or a stately country house sitting on several acres of fox-hunting terrain.

The homes that were featured on "House Doctor" were neither of those. They mostly were built long ago before there was electrical wiring, or indoor plumbing. Very often, the floor plans could be awkward and difficult to work with. A challenge that Ann met more than once was the existence of radiators on every wall making furniture placement difficult.

The other challenge that was almost always part of Ann's job was clutter. She describes the hoarder mentality found among many Brits; they just don't throw anything away. It is even true that in some homes, there is one room in the house called a "box room" where all the excess clutter gets stored. Ann very often cleared out the box room, and put it to perfectly good use as a bedroom, or a functioning, useful room.

Another interesting aspect of the British home is that it is not necessarily a place used for entertaining, so it doesn't have to be a showplace. Instead of inviting guests into their home, a more



JUDITH GLASS & SHEILA SABINE  
House Talk

customary procedure is to go out, with a typical social gathering occurring at a restaurant or pub. As a result, the home is not the place for spending a lot of money on repairs and decorating. Ann often had to work hard to convince people who were trying to sell their homes that they needed to make some changes. One of the most extreme examples was the woman who had 13 poodles living in her house. As Ann says, "That was a house that had truly gone to the dogs!"

These days, Ann divides her time between San Francisco and London, with time off spent at her vacation home in San Miguel de Allende in Mexico. There are new projects in the works with seminars, speaking engagements, and ideas for TV shows expanded into other countries.

Here's good news for our readers. One of Ann's latest projects is a two-day course entitled "Property Presentation," which will be offered Sept. 10 and 11 at Fort Mason Center in San Francisco. It covers all aspects of presenting a property for sale in order to maximize its value and increase its salability. For course information & registration visit [www.housedoctor.co.uk](http://www.housedoctor.co.uk)

Judith Glass and Sheila Sabine comprise an East Bay residential real estate team at the Piedmont office of Prudential California Realty. Glass-Sabine can be reached at 510-326-5055 or through their web site at [www.GlassSabine.com](http://www.GlassSabine.com) where you can read more of their illustrated "House Talk" articles.

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## new listing



110 Monte Avenue, Piedmont

Embraced by gorgeous vistas of the Bay and exquisite professionally landscaped grounds, this exceptionally beautiful home offers spectacular style and stunning details throughout. An elegant entry opens to the living room complete with beautiful windows, a grand fireplace and box-beamed ceilings. The spacious gourmet kitchen with adjoining family room opens out to sunny garden patio.

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**TOOLS READY?** With hammers poised for work Renee Terrell (left) and DeAnna Baldridge (right) of Associated Real Property Brokers flank a new Habitat for Humanity homeowner, Hannah McQuinn (center). The trio, along with other ARPB members worked with the goal of completing construction of McQuinn's home in Oakland.

## Realtists offer real help to East Bay Habitat for Humanity in Oakland

BY BOBBIE REID  
CORRESPONDENT

The real estate professionals of The Associated Real Property Brokers (ARPB) are rewarded individually by their day-to-day work in the real estate industry. Collectively, as a group, the members never lose sight of the needs of the community and are always ready to help. Oakland residents reap the rewards when ARPB gives back.

From scholarships to home assistance grants ARPB members, known as Realtists are at work in the Oakland community. DeAnna Baldridge, Broker/Owner of Ridge Realty and the 2005/2006 president of the organization outlined and commented on some of the activities.

ARPB holds an evening Gala each year. The focal point is the awarding of college and real estate school scholarships. At this year's festivities, 17 high school students received college scholarships. Additionally, two scholarships were presented for the Noble Fields School of Real Estate.

The recipients of homebuying assistance grants are also announced at this event. The grants are presented to first time buyers. The money is designated for home purchase down payment and closing costs.

"All these awards are made possible by the past year's fundraising efforts of ARPB. Many members also donate to the Oral Lee Brown Foundation, another college scholarship fund for inner city high scholars," commented Baldridge. "New for us this year was a Habitat for Humanity Work Day."

A Realtist Week is held each year, nationwide. Many activities are planned for the week, but at least one is always designated for community involvement. Renee Terrell, a Broker-Associate with Realty World Chabot Highlands and the Women's Council of ARPB president suggested Habitat for Humanity as the project.

"The Women's Council theme for this year is 'Realtists Connecting With Our Community'. We picked Habitat because it clearly promotes the same mission," said Terrell. "Making the work of the East Bay Habitat for Humanity our work was the perfect choice."

As the price of homes continues to rise nationwide, affordable housing issues are escalating. Habitat has built more than 175,000 homes around the world. Money, materials and volunteer labor are the mix that creates homes for low-income partner families. The homes are priced below market value. Low-income families buy these homes with no-interest loans. They also invest their own sweat equity.

Much of the work is accomplished by community affiliates such as ARPB. On the designated Work Day, Realtists and a few student helpers headed to the new construction site at 10th and Union, in Oakland. The group worked all day, side-by-

side with the soon to be owner, Hannah McQuinn. The organization also donated over \$2000 to the East Bay Habitat. 12 single-family homes will be built at the Oakland site. When the home ARPB worked on is completed the keys will be presented to the new homeowner-partner.

"This giving of self, as well as money is key to this year's Realtist theme, 'Realtists Beyond Real Estate,'" said President Baldridge.

The ARPB is a professional trade association dedicated to the advancement of fair housing practices and economic empowerment for its members. ARPB is a chapter of NAREB, the oldest and largest minority trade association in America. To learn more visit the Web site at [www.ARPB.org](http://www.ARPB.org).

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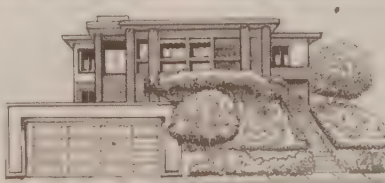
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## Fabulous North Berkeley Location! \$719,000



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Originally built in the 1920s, and lovingly cared for by the same family for 57 years, 827 Oxford St. was modified in the mid 1960s. The house is beautifully situated on the large lot with many rooms opening to the yard. Located on a quiet street in the lower hills of North Berkeley. With three bedrooms, two baths, a hint of bay view, and a glorious backyard, the possibilities are endless. Open Sunday, July 31st 2-4PM.

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## Getting plugged in: Anet goes electric

Number 416 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Anet is learning electricity, not big electricity, but little stuff that she can do herself, and she is very excited.

For Christmas she asked for one of those gadgets that tell whether a wire is live. You stick it into an outlet and it beeps if electricity is running there. As Anet is very scared of electricity and really doesn't want to be shocked or killed by it, finding out what's live and what isn't is a most important first step.

You just can't imagine how delighted she was when she opened the present on Christmas Eve and realized that she could test electric wires. I think she actually shouted something like "Oh boy, oh boy" before jumping up and hurrying over to the closest outlet to try it out.

"Beep beep beep" it went because, of course, there was electricity there, and Anet smiled largely. She beeped her way through several rooms.

Not many days passed before our good friend Shaun arrived to give Anet her first electricity lesson. Sitting together at the kitchen table, Anet told Shaun that she wanted to learn to change out light switches, wall outlets and light fixtures.

Shaun assured her that absolutely, all of these were well within her capabilities and, as Anet took notes, he described what she would find when she removed existing switches, outlets and fixtures.

Diagrams were drawn and then, using a new wall outlet, Shaun provided a hands-on demonstration of its parts.

I was listening with only half an ear but I know there was talk of two wires and three wires, neutral and hot, black and white and red, and grounds. Anet asked many questions such as "What if I open it and the wires are not colored?"

They discussed three-way switches and the possible reasons why turning on a switch at one end of a hallway doesn't work if the switch at the other end is turned off.

After only about an hour of intensive discourse, Shaun left, and Anet, very cheery, announced that she was ready to begin her electrical work. But first she needed to buy supplies, so we went to Home Depot. With rapt attention, Anet moved along the electrical material aisles gathering things she'd need.

Having decided to first install a GFCI outlet in the bathroom (the

type that clicks off if there is water present), she bought one of those, also a few dimmer switches (both single and double, I think) and a couple of regular ones, and two new convenience outlets.

Back at home, she got her tools together: headband flashlight (another Christmas gift she requested a couple of years ago for which she has found many uses), screwdriver, pliers, and the testing gadget. At the electrical panel she read all the tiny labels trying to figure out which circuit the bathroom outlet was on, found one, switched it, then confirmed that it was truly off.

She removed the old outlet, peered at the wires (she called me to come and see how old the wires looked), wired the new one in place, and turned the juice back on.

Triumph, it worked! But there was a problem. The new GFCI was just a smidgeon larger than the old outlet and would not fit back into the recess in the ceramic tile.

By great good fortune, our fireplace man was at the house at that moment cleaning the chimney, and when he heard what the problem was, he offered Anet the use of a metal rasp, just the thing to shave off the edges of the tile. "Ah, an excuse to buy a new tool," I told Anet. "You really must have a rasp of your own."

And so Anet's first electrical installation was complete, and she was pleased, and she moved onto her next adventure, that pesky two-switch hallway problem. Shaun had told her that the difficulty might lie in the dimmer, that the wrong type had probably been installed.

Again she was careful to make sure that there was no current flowing before she took apart the switch, examined and replaced it, but this time, her ministrations failed. Apparently something else was wrong, something that Anet and Shaun had not covered in that first lesson. She would need further instruction and, perhaps, Shaun at her side. She'd already encountered another situation that Shaun hadn't thought to describe to her



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(something to do with tag wires she said), and so she was anxious to get more info.

Before another lesson could be arranged, we were back at Home Depot for something else, and I took the opportunity to look over the selection of books they've got on electricity. Knowing nothing at all about the subject, I chose one with what I thought were the best photos and instructions in plainest English, and told Anet she should have it.

We charged the book to our company account, a business expense because Anet will be applying her electrical skills soon, we hope, at our listings. Light fixtures tend to conk out at the most inconvenient times like just before we're holding a house open.

How marvelous it will be. No more having to locate someone to come fix it, come quick.

Instead, just let Anet do it. Heaven.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoft are residential real estate agents who can be reached at 510-653-2050 or at [www.tarpoftandtalbert.com](http://www.tarpoftandtalbert.com).

## Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries

### FOR THE PUBLIC

#### CB Dreaming

Coldwell Banker Real Estate is hosting a community-wide raffle to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. There are more than 45 prizes including a \$5000 grand prize. Raffle tickets are only \$2 each. The raffle will run through Aug. 26. For a list of CB offices visit [www.CaliforniaMoves.com](http://www.CaliforniaMoves.com).

#### Casa Peralta

Casa Peralta is located in San Leandro. The house, rich with history was built in 1869. Generations of Peralta descendants called it home. Next door to the Casa are the Little Brown Church and a historical museum. Visit on weekends from noon to 4 p.m. Call 510-577-3986 for group tours. **Help Habitat**

The Oakland Association of Realtors sends out a call for volunteers. This year's National Association of Realtor's Habitat project is in Oakland. Build Dates are held monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. The next workday is Wednesday, Aug. 3. Six associations are involved in building this home including the Alameda and Berkeley AORs. If you are skilled in what it takes to build a home then call 510-836-3000 to help. **Inform Alameda**

The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting. The Inform is sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The focus is an invited speaker and the discussion of important topics. The Inform helps realtors stay informed about the market, the community and the economy.

Agents bring information on new listings for presentation. For ticket information please contact Kristin McMahan of AAR at 510-523-7229.

#### Free Classes

**Home Assist.** The Home Buyer Assistance Center in Oakland offers an information session, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4. Learn about a new program that could make you a homeowner. Reserve a seat by calling 510-832-6925 ext. 100.

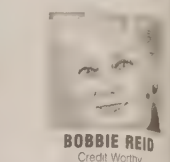
**Investors.** Bay Area Investors Educational Services of Oakland offers a panel discussion on the benefits of and strategies for investing in real estate. The program, "Investing Tips For Discounted Notes And Foreclosures" is 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 2. Call for ticket and location information at 510-339-9014.

**Buyers Bid.** Hear strategies on how to win the bidding wars with real estate counselor Lonnie Montemayor and mortgage consultant Ida Rudnick, at the "Home Buying Revelations Workshop". This session is 7 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 2, at The Real Estate Consulting Center. E-mail reservations and questions to [seminars@realestateconsultingcenter.com](mailto:seminars@realestateconsultingcenter.com).

**First Time.** Loan Consultant, George Johnson of GB Johnson Financial Services, offers a free first time buyer informational workshop. Featured topics are zero percent down payment, FHA and conventional loans. Johnson will offer facts affordable properties. For information on future workshops contact Johnson at [www.gbjohnson.com](http://www.gbjohnson.com).

#### WAR SAFE

Berkeley Association of Realtors members can learn to stay safe. A share the knowledge session, "Be Careful Out There" is



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12 to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 3. Crime Stop USA. "Laugh Yourself Safe." brown bag lunch event featuring safety tips for Realtors. The session is presented by the Professional Development Committee. Reserve your spot, contact the BAR office for information and reservations 510-848-4288.

#### SHAKE-OFF

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter presents a "Hot August Nights" Shake-off", 5 to 10 p.m., Friday, Aug. 4. Enjoy flavored martinis, appetizers, live music and Salsa lessons. So bring your martini loving self and a designated driver to the Limer Gallery, on Park Avenue, Emeryville. For reservations and ticket information call Paula Favroth at 510-967-6661.

#### CURE

North American Title Company is participating in "Search For The Cure". Open escrow in June, July and August and when it closes, NATC will donate \$25 on every purchase, \$10 for each refinance to American Cancer Society. Contact your area Marketing Representative or check out [www.natc.com](http://www.natc.com).

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The California Association

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## Thirty days to 'Sudden Success'

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Coldwell Banker's David Compton presents Thirty Days Sudden Success Monday, Aug. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Oakland Association of Realtors 1528 Webster St. in Oakland.

Compton has been in the real estate industry for over 30 years, including the last 10 as director of education for Coldwell Banker in Arizona. His workshop teaches agents how to build a predictable, thriving real estate practice by effectively optimizing their greatest assets.

"Experts say that the industry can't sustain the flood of new sales agents," Compton said.

"The Sudden Success workshop is an absolute must for every new and seasoned agent determined to survive the storm."

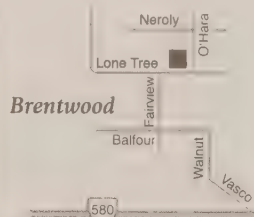
Agents are invited to attend the event free of charge as guests of the Hills Publication Group. The course is approved for three hours of continuing education credits toward the renewal of Realtor licenses. For reservations call Kathleen Ward at 925-943-8312.

The Weekly Sales can be found in the Auto Section on page D5.

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## PRUDENTIAL

The Realty Alliance, a real estate networking and think tank group is an affiliate of Prudential California

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## TIDBITS

Keller Williams Realty has opened another office. The newest location is Keller Williams-Golden Gate, on 9th Street, in Berkeley. At a recent grand opening guests from all over the area toasted the success of the new group. To say welcome call 510-528-5100.

Financial Title Company Alameda County Sales Manager Staci Neves announced new team members. Kim Sanders will cover Oakland and Northern Alameda County. Lorrie Williams now handles Albany, Berkeley and Kensington. Call Sanders at 510-502-7998 and Williams at 510-393-2993.

## TELL ME

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## Appraiser, not upgrades, determines value

*Q. I would like to know how to find the criteria that are used to establish the assessment value for standard fixtures and home upgrades. For example, how much does carpet vs. hardwood floors, brick vs. vinyl siding, central air, or number of fireplaces impact the assessed value of a home?*

*I understand that location and previous home sales in an area factor in the equation, but are there any standards that I can reference to validate the assessed value of my home and changes in the assessed value over time attributed to some of the home improvements described above?*

*A. In most locations across the country, a property's assessment is*

based on the market value of your property, and a property's market value estimate is typically found through an appraisal process. As such, location (as you note) is very important in determining value as are the physical attributes of each individual property. If the local marketplace values certain attributes more than others - hardwood floors more so than carpeting, brick vs. vinyl siding, fireplaces more so than wood stoves - then these "better" attributes will have higher values than the "lesser" attributes.

The individual values that an appraiser would place on the preferred and the interior attributes will be extracted from market information, primarily through direct comparison



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or through cost surveys. This all means that your property's value will change over time if you make positive changes to the attributes comprising the property.

The exact amount of any price changes caused by improving your property will be based on what the

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For further information and photos go to [www.1007ashmount.com](http://www.1007ashmount.com)

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## shown by appointment

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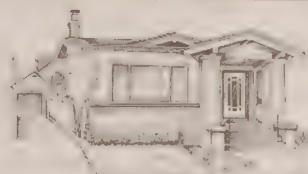


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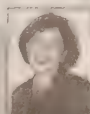
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## Downtown dwellings bring new life to urban centers

BY GLENN ROBERTS JR.  
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**Editor's note:** Downtown living is no longer taboo, and residents and developers are increasingly drawn to urban areas in many cities across the nation. Experts say demographics and lifestyle choices are driving the trend. More people are getting fed up with long commutes, immigration and population are surging in some areas, and a niche group of people — including young professionals and empty nesters — are bored with living in the suburbs. In this three-part series, Inman News peels back the buzzwords associated with inner-city rebirth to find out what's really driving the new trend of downtown digs.

Lucy Killea, a former California senator and councilwoman, and a former member of the San Diego City Council, has lived for nearly six years in a high-rise downtown condominium in San Diego. She lives alone there and enjoys the downtown life.

As a politician and resident, Killea has watched the downtown transform from a largely retail district that was geared toward the local military population. Today, wealthy suburban-area people are coming in, and young professionals and retirees like herself are now living there, she said.

"When I first moved in, my friends would say, 'Don't you feel it's dangerous (to live downtown)?' Now it's, 'Oh, you live downtown? You lucky thing,'" she said. "It's been fabulous for the restaurants. We just have more wonderful restaurants now. It's wonderful for the cultural life."

Living in a high-rise condo downtown, Killea, who is retired, doesn't have to worry about home maintenance as much. "It's great because I can keep very active without being distracted."

The residential resurgence took root more than a decade ago in San Diego, Killea said, and the local boom may be settling. "There is a tremendous amount of building. We're hitting the saturation point and I think demand will level out a bit," she said.

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In several examples, it was the boomers who rediscovered city life. They were the pioneers who

found residential potential in vacant warehouses and long-stagnant commercial buildings. They made their homes and practiced their craft in loft spaces and other odd places.

The following phase of urban dwellers typically has included young professionals, empty-nesters and baby boomers with money to spend. Developers have watched this trend gurge and then spout up at different times and in different places, tapping this burgeoning

organizations that advocate for neighborhood revitalization, environmentally friendly construction, and the preservation of farmland, open space and historic buildings, among other aims.

"This willingness to look at the central city and inner suburbs as a place to live has been driven in part by the long commutes and the limited choices that you find in the newer suburbs, where your choices are limited to several shades of

beige single-family homes," Goldberg added.

Suburban housing developments have been a fixture in the nation's real estate landscape since World War II, and this trend heightened in the 1990s, he also said. "In the '90s we consumed land a lot faster than we ever had before, per unit of population. Commute distances were growing to the point where cost in time and money to travel to where the jobs were really began to offset the lower cost of the land for a lot of people." Some savvy developers began to explore the potential for housing much closer to job centers.

Don't expect to find an abandoned suburbia, though. At this time, urban infill is still just a sliver of the nation's overall housing stock, and suburban development continues to grow and thrive. "It's still tougher to do an infill project or a loft conversion than it is to go to a suburban jurisdiction and build on a greenfield," Goldberg said, though that generality does not always hold true for some land-strapped and preservation-minded communities.

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City living is not for everyone, and in fact most people prefer to live in the suburbs, said R. John Ochsner, division president for Cen-

tex Homes, Northern California. "Every time we do a survey at the home builder level, it constantly comes up that buyers prefer single-family detached homes in suburban settings," he said. Suburban development is getting farther afield, and outlying areas once considered emerging housing markets are now considered to be prime markets, Ochsner said.

Downtowns are not the place where most Americans are raising

their kids, he said. "What we see in urban living — the buyer profile is anybody with no kids: singles, couples, couples in alternatives lifestyles, move-downs, the portion of the population that really can't afford a single-family home but wants to get in the for-sale market."

But Centex hasn't missed out on infill — the company is the third largest general contractor in the country and has worked on several urban infill projects. "There's a lot to be learned here. Nobody has figured it out. Each deal is unique," Ochsner said.

"In general there's still a hard-wiring of the American development machine to the periphery, getting farther and farther away," said Mark Muro, director of policy for the Metropolitan Policy Program at the Brookings Institution. But there is also a major push inward in many cities, he noted. "Sprawl is going to hit the wall in some places. It already has in Los Angeles."

"You have both a heating up in

centers that is beginning to heat up, urban real estate markets have been slack for a long time. They also have yet another move outward, fueled by lower interest rates. The move to the suburbs is a search for home ownership, which has seen record price appreciation and many markets, has aided fronts, he said. "The estate environment has a lot of sprawl and (urban) infill."

Muro noted the migration of 20-something and 30-something young urban professionals to some city centers, and some seniors and empty nesters and said that the lack of education remains a roadblock for families who might otherwise move downtown.

These new waves of urban residents can gentrify entire neighborhoods, driving up real estate prices and driving out some residents, though they do hold the promise of diversifying what has often been a low-income and often racialized population."

In his 2003 book, "The House, Block by Block: The Story of America's Urban Neighborhoods," Alexander von Hoffman focused on five cities that he noticed some general patterns in how a city center is reborn. The phenomenon of urban renewal — people who like and particular neighborhoods. Von Hoffman is also a senior at the Harvard University Center for Housing Studies.

"People who move in are often artists, bohemians, sort of another. They fix up old residential areas and start a new dynamic as something that is valued. It's a gradual starting with a few people."

See DOWNTOWN

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market of city-seekers by converting mouse-infested eyesores into housing and stores, or starting from scratch with new buildings that boast luxury high-rise condos or modernized lofts. In some cases, housing is springing up in downtown areas previously devoid of residential districts.

Urban infill and renewal, adaptive reuse, redevelopment and revitalization, high-density, mixed-use, transit-oriented, smart growth, and new urbanism: Such buzzwords for inner-city rebirth are now well established in real estate industry vocabularies.

Builders and planners say that these new forms of downtown digs, which come in many shapes and sizes and break the mold of traditional developments, have finally come of age as a viable niche in housing market. And infill experts say there is ample room to grow in many of the nation's city centers.

"We've really just seen the first wave. I think because of the demographic factors — more households without kids, fewer of conventional suburban families, a whole lot more empty nesters and a lot more immigrants...people are looking for more town-like living arrangements and less of the one-size-fits-all suburbia," said David A. Goldberg, a spokesman for Smart Growth America. The agency is a coalition of local, state and national

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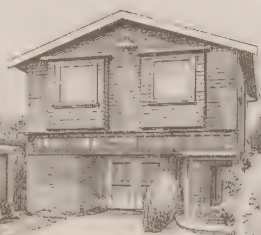
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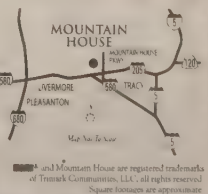


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# Buying first home an emotional rollercoaster

■ Highs and lows in the process, based on 11 key satisfaction milestones

BY STEVE KERCH  
MARKETWATCH

Buying a home can prove to be a trying experience even for the most seasoned homeowners. But

for first-time homebuyers, the emotional roller coaster is especially gut-tugging, a new study says.

First-time buyers go through a series of emotional highs and lows in the home-buying process, based on 11 key "satisfaction milestones" identified in research from www.RealEstate.com. Those milestones include everything from the

initial dreams of homeownership and what that might entail to the harsh realities of home-inspection reports.

Unlike dizzying amusement-park attractions that return you to level ground when the ride is over, the home-buying transaction ends on the proverbial high note, with new owners saying they feel most sat-

isfied on the first night they spend in their new home.

"What's amazing in many ways is that completing the process is the absolute emotional high. You might have thought it was finding the right house or closing the deal. But that first night in the house, that

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## Downtown

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momentum, and then you get to a point of critical mass," he said.

Some cities experienced this resurgence in the 1970s and 1980s, and by the 1990s it was a recognizable trend in many areas, von Hoffman said. "It used to be people with money and wherewithal did not want to live in the city. They wanted to live in the suburbs. Everything about the city had a bad image. Hardly anybody lived in downtowns at all 40 years ago. If they did they were living in shelters or possibly luxury apartments on the waterfront."

But city living "now is quite fashionable," he said. City-goers are typically seeking a more rich cultural experience, with museums, theater, symphony, restaurants, and night life all around, he said, while suburbanites tend to favor big lots, open spaces and schools.

Overall, the population in suburbs and farther outlying communities, sometimes called "exurbs," continues to grow faster than the population living in inner-city areas, but clearly "inner cities are becoming vital, growing places," he said.

Robert Lang, director of The Metropolitan Institute at Virginia Tech University, has said that about 50 percent of the U.S. population now resides in suburban areas, while 30 percent live in central-city areas and about 10 percent live in smaller urban centers with populations of about 10,000 to 50,000. The population in suburban areas is expected to grow to about 60 percent of the total U.S. population by 2030, Lang also has said.

Is inner-city residential development just a passing fancy, a trend that is bound to end? Lawrence Bond, chairman of Bond Cos., a development company based in Santa Monica said that is not likely. "I don't think it's a phenomenon. I think it's an accepted product type at this time."

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Bill and Tracy, x33

\$1,200,000



### 2924 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley By Appointment

Lovely, charming ground floor, spac. 2+ bdrm condo in wonderful Brown Shingle. Updated kit., formal dining area w/frpl, inside laundry rm, & plus space ideal for office. Shared front yd & designated parking space. Seconds to Elmwood w/great stores, cafes & restaurants. Nr Alta Bates, Whole Foods, BART & U.C. Shows beautifully.

Denise Milburn, x35

\$575,000



### 1435 Campus Dr., Berkeley Open Sunday, 2:00-4:30

New listing! Light-filled & charming mid-century home in a serene Berkeley hills setting surrounded greenery. 3+ bdms, 2 baths. Newly painted inside out, beaut. hwd flrs, frpl, French doors open to spacious and private bkyd and patio. Wine cellar storage room in garage.

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Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251



2530 EDWARDS AVENUE \$509,000  
**El Cerrito.** Sweet light filled 3bd/1ba Mediterranean hm w/ Bay view from both the lrg eat-in kit & LR. Near BART, shops & park.

Barbara Roessler 531-7000 x264



644 BROOKLYN \$479,000  
**China Hill.** Ultra-charming 2-story shingled Cape Cod! 2bd/2ba w/ archit. detail, gorgeous refin. wood flrs, eat-in kit. w/new linoleum, attached garage, close to shopping & Lake Merritt!

Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



1832 HILLVIEW DRIVE \$825,000  
**San Leandro.** Don't miss this beautiful Bay O Vista home! Single story house on an expansive corner lot in a quiet neighborhood. 4bd, incl. a lrg. Master ste. w/ adjoining private ba. Kit & fam. rm. is overlooking the secluded yard.  
Beth DeAtley 531-7000 x234



1183 BAYVIEW AVENUE \$499,000  
**Oakland.** Just listed. Fabulous fixer. Lrg 4bd/2ba craftsman w/ charm and tremendous potential. Spacious rms, hrwd flrs, built-ins, formal DR, breakfast nook, rumpus rm, lovely lot. Needs work, sold "As-Is." Photos @ [www.eastbay-realtor.com](http://www.eastbay-realtor.com)  
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500 VERNON STREET # 217 \$325,000  
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8926 THERMAL STREET \$650,000  
**Oakland.** Open & sunny 3bd/2ba on quiet st. w/ Bay views. Updated, lrg kit, FDR spacious LR w/ fireplace, hwd fls. Built on a 7,000 sq.ft. lot w/expansion opportunity.  
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822 KEY ROUTE BLVD \$569,000  
**Albany.** Engaging and extra-special two bedrooms, two bath bungalow. Corner fireplace in LR, arched entry and corner hutch in DR. Modern kit. Distinctive master bd suite. Detached office w/ skylight and built-ins!  
Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246



3015 MORCOM \$510,000  
**Maxwell Park.** Charming 2bd/1.5ba w/ pano. Bay view! LR w/ picture window & stone fireplace, updated kit w/ breakfast rm, gleaming refin. hwd flrs, lrg bonus rm - great for family rm, office or den, huge bsmt w/laundry & storage area, det. Garage!  
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## First time

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was the real 'ah ha,'" said Holly Slaughter, senior marketing manager for RealEstate.com, who oversaw the study.

Along the way, though, the road takes some abrupt turns.

When first-time buyers initially begin thinking about becoming homeowners, their satisfaction is relatively high. They may be dreaming about the traditional single-family home with the white picket fence and looking at enticing photos of homes for sale on the Internet.

But the first time reality sets in, what the study identified as the "scaling" stage, the satisfaction meter hits its nadir.

"Once you start looking at what you can afford, specific neighborhoods, and getting preapproved for a mortgage - things you don't think of when you're in the dreaming phase - that's when there's a big drop," Slaughter said.

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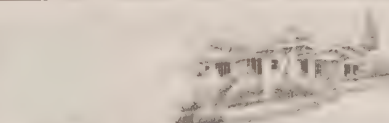
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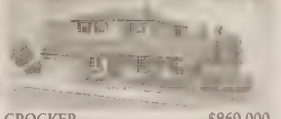
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7001 Elverton Sun 2 - 4:30  
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#### CROCKER

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#### OAKLAND HILLS

4755 Geranium Place Sun 2 - 4:30  
4BR 3 BA New List. Vaulted ceiling LR & DR. HWF 2 FP. Eat-in Kit. South Bay View.  
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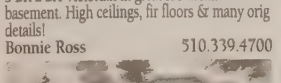
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7260 Homewood Sun 1 - 5  
4BR 4.5 BA Tucked into Hills. Striking Contemp will wow you. High ceilings, lam rm, & office.  
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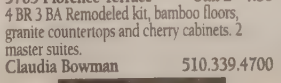
#### ESTUDILLO ESTATES

1079 Lee Street Sun 2 - 4:30  
3BR 2 BA Charming Mediterranean w/ creekside setting in San Leandro.  
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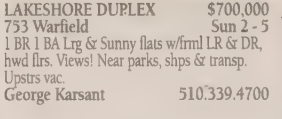
1349 Park Ave Sun 2 - 4:30  
3BR 2 BA Victorian in great loc w/full basement. High ceilings, fir floors & many orig details!  
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5763 Florence Terrace Sun 2 - 4:30  
4BR 3 BA Remodeled kit, bamboo floors, granite countertops and cherry cabinets. 2 master suites.  
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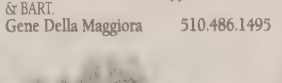
753 Warfield Sun 2 - 5  
1 BR 1 BA Lrg & Sunny flats w/frml LR & DR, hdwd flrs. Views! Near parks, shps & transp.  
Upst vac.  
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#### EL CERRITO

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#### SAN LEANDRO

231 Suffolk Dr. Sun 1 - 4  
2 BR 2 BA Grt Flr Pln. Mstr bdrm suite. Eat in kit. HWF FP, sweet yd. Garage w/space for wk shop.  
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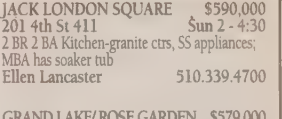
#### OAKLAND

2005 Pleasant Valley Ave, Unit 216 Sun 2 - 4:30  
1 BR 1 BA Cute studio condo w/deck! HOA w/ pool, hot tub, exrc rm & prking. Near Rockridge & trans.  
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1095 Bancroft Ave Sun 2 - 4:30  
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#### JACK LONDON SQUARE

201 4th St 411 Sun 2 - 4:30  
2 BR 2 BA Kitchen-granite ctrs, SS appliances; MBA has soaker tub.  
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#### GRAND LAKE/ROSE GARDEN

320 Elwood Sun 2 - 4:30  
2 BR 1 BA Traditional in great location. Awaiting some renewal. Hdwd flrs, lrg bkwd & basement.  
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#### LINCOLN HEIGHTS

4001 Rhoda Sun 2 - 4:30  
2 BR 1 BA Unique 3 unit compound awaiting some renewal. Attic, lrg kit. Huge lot sweet!  
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426 27th St 102B Sun 2 - 4:30  
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#### WEST OAKLAND

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## First Time

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In fact, follow-up interviews with first-time buyers found that the most important lesson learned was that they should have gotten that mortgage approval early in the process, she said.

Once buyers come to grips with reality, emotional satisfaction increases again as they begin viewing properties for sale. Satisfaction

sinks again as they "rescale" their expectations based on what they see and then takes off again when they find the house they want to bid on, the surveys show.

Negotiating the deal, however, causes another emotional tumble, which is quickly reversed when the bid is accepted. But reality intrudes again during the inspection process, as emotions take another big drop.

The limbo between inspection and closing is also a down time,

and the closing itself does nothing to lift the spirits.

It's not until that key goes in the lock of the new home that satisfaction peaks.

"Going from renting to first-time homeownership is quite a bit different than going from apartment to apartment, which you can do in a weekend.

The home-buying process involves more time, research and patience," Slaughter said.

"We know consumers feel a lit-

tle anxious and ill-equipped to handle this whole process," she said. "But once they get into it, consumers really understand that that have to be patient with the process, that it's not something you just jump into, like going into Best Buy and buying an MP3 player."

The Internet has helped level that playing field, as 41 percent of first-time buyers in the RealEstate.com survey reported they used the Web to research home listings, school data, real es-

tate agents, mortgage rates and other housing data.

"The Internet provides consumers, especially first-time homebuyers, with a wealth of information that can help set their expectations and prepare for the ups and downs of the entire process," said Jeff Lyons, general manager of RealEstate.com.

"Whether they're looking at listings, finding a Realtor or searching for the best mortgage, it's all at their fingertips." Once you start looking

at what you can afford in neighborhoods, and getting pre-approved for a mortgage — you don't think of when you're in the dreaming phase — that there's a big drop," Slaughter said.

### The 11 steps

These 11 "satisfaction stones" were derived from a RealEstate.com study that

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### Charming Traditional with Recent Updates



9401 Murillo Avenue

This charming traditional home was updated in 2001. The kitchen received new cabinets, granite counters and stainless appliances adjoining an eat-in area with bay windows. There are two sunny bedrooms on the main level, with an updated bath. The finished lower level has a bedroom, bath and rumpus room leading to the backyard and patio. The fireplace and newer hardwood floors in the living room help to create a cozy ambiance. Located for easy commuting in the Oak Knoll District, on a quieter, tree-shaded lot. Open Saturday July 31, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

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OAKMORE AREA \$679,000  
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$619,000  
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OAK KNOLL \$595,000  
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## First Time

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hundreds of hours of interviews in surveys and focus groups with more than 2,000 first-time home buyers.

- Dreaming
- Scrolling
- Viewing
- Rescuing
- Finding

- Negotiating
- Accepting
- Inspecting
- Limbo
- Closing
- Completing

Even after planning and setting expectations, homebuyers still find themselves feeling unsettled during the process, the study found. Thirty percent were ill at ease with the time and effort they spent obtaining a mortgage, followed closely by those

who found themselves anxious during the time spent "in limbo" between making the offer and closing on the house (29 percent).

Sixty-two percent of homeowners cited "being patient with the home-buying process" as paramount to staying sane throughout the process, an accomplishment that's easier said than done.

Additional "after the purchase" survey findings:

- Forty percent of new home-

owners said window coverings were the priority for their first night in a new home.

■ Eight percent said celebratory champagne on the first night is a must.

■ Repainting walls is the first home improvement 38 percent of new homeowners make.

■ Although 15 percent say they're too broke after buying to make any changes, 14 percent start

right in with renovating the bathroom or kitchen.

■ Most homeowners say they moved across town (44 percent), while 9 percent relocated to another state.

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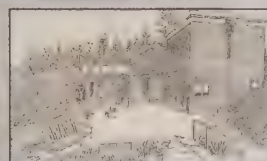
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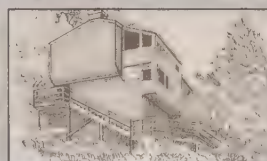
**Sunday 2-4:30** \$1,200,000  
1656 Arlington, Berkeley. Elegant 4BR/2+BA w/potential in-law. Library, sun room, large rms.  
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**Sunday 2-4:30** \$1,950,000  
5747 Buena Vista. Upper Rockridge 5+BR/3.5 BA traditional w/ideal level-in floor plan.  
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**Sunday 2-5** \$1,890,000  
6108 Contra Costa Rd. Rockridge 4BR/4BA, exquisite design!  
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1657 Portal Avenue. Wonderful 4BR/2.5BA, French Normandy in Crocker Highlands.  
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5870 Moraga Ave. 2BR/1.5BA home. Upgraded kit, Spanish crt yd, 2 pkg plus.  
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**Sunday 2-5** \$790,000  
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4824 Estates. 3BR/2+BA Decks! Views!  
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3333 Longcroft Drive. Immaculate 4BR/3BA Piedmont Pines contemporary w/bay views  
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**Sunday 2-4:30** \$725,000  
5415 Barrows. Probate 2BR/1BA fixer w/ original details in Trestle Glen.  
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**Sat & Sun 2-4** \$559,000  
3319 Magnolia St. Spacious loft, 3 levels, 2BD/2BA, yard, deck, pond.  
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**Sunday 2-5** \$509,000  
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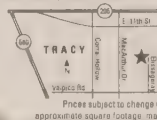


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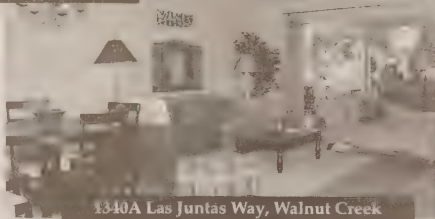


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Above programs are based on primary single family residences, townhouses, and condominiums only. No prepayment penalty required. Cash out allowed up to 75%  
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**ALBANY** \$899,000  
4/3 - Secluded setting, located on a cul-de-sac overlooking San Francisco Bay. Master suite with walk-in closet, stone fireplace, more. 796 Hillside Avenue Open 1:30-4



**BERKELEY** \$849,000  
4+1/4 - Remarkable vintage Berkeley home with spacious rooms. Conveniently located minutes from BART, UC, and the Gourmet Ghetto 1726 Martin Luther King Jr. Open 2-4:30



**EL CERRITO - NEW!** \$799,000  
3+1/2 - Smart, SF view home with indoor & outdoor kitchens, hardwood/slate floors. Photos at [www.redoakrealty.com](http://www.redoakrealty.com). 1141 King Drive Open 2-4:30



**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$429,000  
2/1 - Very nice and sunny Toler Heights home on a huge lot, broad Bay views and mature fruit trees! On record as 3/1. Easy access to 580 9716 Thermal Street Open 1:30-4:30



**ALBANY** \$559,000  
2/1 - Extensively remodeled quintessential cottage sitting on a large, level lot. Boasts a designer kitchen, updated bath and more. 939 Key Route Blvd. Open Sat/Sun 1:30-4



**BERKELEY** \$779,000  
3/2 - Stylish mid-century home close to the Rose Garden. Gorgeous inside and out. Level lot with beautiful decks & gardens. 1080 Euclid Avenue Open 2-4:30



**MORAGA** \$989,000  
3/2.5 - Classic ranch style home. Spacious & bright, 2 fireplaces. Large lot, beautiful yard, all on one level! Potential for expansion. 176 Shuey Drive Open 2-4



**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$409,000  
LOFTS - Four sleek, light-filled units, each priced from \$389,000 to \$499,000 in a jazzy warehouse conversion. [www.saragarabedian.com](http://www.saragarabedian.com) 2323 Magnolia Street Open 1:30-4:30

**BERKELEY - NEW!** \$799,000  
2/1 - Well maintained with a very gracious floor plan, hardwood floors, and Craftsman details. Also a 1/1 detached cottage. 1837 Sonoma Avenue Open 2-4

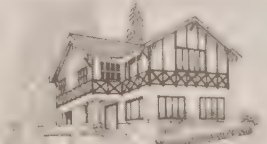
**BERKELEY - NEW!** \$650,000  
2/2 - Beautifully remodeled home. Must see to appreciate the fantastic location! Photos and more at [www.charliecookproperties.com](http://www.charliecookproperties.com). 1421 Northside Avenue Open 2-4:30

**OAKLAND** \$339,000  
2/1 - Charming and sunny Victorian with full basement and large yard. Located in up-and-coming West Oakland. 3308 Chestnut Street Open 2-4

**RICHMOND** \$499,000  
3/2 - Gardener's Paradise! Located in White Cliff neighborhood. Many upgrades, hardwood floors, new interior paint and very private yard. 3117 Keith Drive Open 2-4:30



**BERKELEY** \$649,000  
2/1 - French country style home located moments from Westbrae, Solano and Berkeley shops and restaurants. 1771 Beverly Place Open 2-5



**BERKELEY** \$675,000  
3+1/1.5+ - Big price reduction! Fixer Tudor located in the North Berkeley Hills with view & hardwood floors. Close to UCB and more. 2577 Rose Street Open 2-4



**OAKLAND** \$389,000  
2/1 - Bright contemporary condo in 9-unit cottages complex. Features updated kitchen & bath, bamboo floors, private patio, more. 2924 Morgan Avenue Open 2-4



**RICHMOND** \$495,000  
3/2 - Gorgeous inside! Spacious with a big beautiful garden, storage/tool/work shed. Tons of storage & much more. 845 Humboldt Street Open 2-4



**BERKELEY - NEW!** \$359,000  
1/1 - Delightful condo with hardwood floors, living room with fireplace, remodeled eat-in kitchen and bath. 1 of 6 units. 1825 Vine Street #6 Open 2-4



**EL CERRITO - NEW!** \$549,000  
2+1 - Gorgeous, sun-filled spiffy home with a view of the El Cerrito hills with a landscaped garden. This well-loved home is ready for you! 1326 Everett Street Open 2-4

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**ALBANY** \$595,000  
2+1/1 - Beautiful Mediterranean bungalow in a fantastic location. Tremendous potential to make this your gorgeous home!

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2/2 - Light-filled condo on quiet side of Albany Hill. Sweeping Bay/Hill views. Deck, skylights, fireplace. [www.BobBlumberg.com](http://www.BobBlumberg.com).



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**OAKLAND** \$545,000  
OFFICE BUILDING - Delightful brown shingle building with 5 office units, 2 half baths, kitchen, workshop, parking, freeway access.

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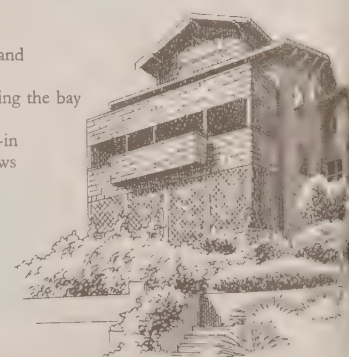
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## NEW MONTCLAIR LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2-4:30PM



**6662 Liggett Drive, Oakland**  
**Offered at \$789,000**

Location and charm! This delightful traditional is located close to the bustling Montclair Village with its small time feel and many amenities. The house's comfortable living spaces and the fabulous, large entertaining deck make a wonderful place to call home. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Family room. Plus space and room to expand.



**Michelle Miller**  
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## NEW SHEFFIELD VILLAGE LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1-4PM



**274 Covington Street, Oakland**  
**Offered at \$679,000**

Conveniently located in a desirable neighborhood close to many forms of commuter transportation, this custom built, circa 1940 home has been extensively remodeled by its owner architect. Some of the systems replaced during the remodel include roof, heating, electrical, plumbing and windows. French doors open to the back yard from both the formal dining room and the master suite. The sunny kitchen features a skylight, granite counters, tile floors, and a breakfast room. The bedrooms have been thoughtfully located away from the formal rooms and offer maximum privacy.

## NEW REDWOOD HEIGHTS LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2-4:30PM



**4044 Midvale Avenue, Oakland**  
**Offered at \$629,000**

Adorable cottage style home with SF and Bay views. Two spacious bedrooms, 2 baths including master bedroom suite. Random plank hardwoods in living room with handsome fireplace. Family/dining room off kitchen with deck. Plus room downstairs and attached garage. Deep lot - great space for gardening.



**Joan Dark**  
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## NEW LISTING ~ PIEDMONT AVENUE DUPLEX OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 31 & AUGUST 7, 2-4:30PM



**29-31 Rio Vista Avenue, Oakland**  
**Offered at \$649,000**

This charming home has welcomed Piedmont Avenue habitues since 1910. Whether they arrived by horse and buggy, Key System, or SUV, they likely enjoyed the light-filled rooms, coved ceilings, fireplace, hardwood floors, and much more. There's a cheerful backyard with garage too. And all in a lovely, historic neighborhood. Come see!

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30



**HILLER HIGHLANDS** \$1,025,000  
**30 STARVIEW DR.**  
New Listing! Luxury downslope unit with beautiful South Bay view. Upgraded with hardwood, granite, marble. 2 fireplaces. Built-in stereo system. Atrium. 3+BR/2.5BA. Joanna Hirsch x1366

**MONTCLAIR** \$699,000  
**24 JOAQUIN MILLER CT**  
Charming 3BR home close to Montclair shopping, transportation & schools. Updated kitchen, formal dining room, hardwood floors, yard, 2-car garage. Wendy Gardner-Ferrari x1303



**REDWOOD HEIGHTS** \$629,000  
**4044 MIDVALE AVE.**  
New Listing! Adorable cottage style home w/SF & bay views. 2BR/2BA. Random plank hardwoods in living room, handsome fireplace. Family/dining room off kitchen. Deep lot. Diane E. McCan x1352



**EMERYVILLE** \$495,000  
**5907-B VALLERJO ST**  
Enjoy Emeryville's vitality in this contemporary, three-level townhome in 2-unit building. 2BR/2BA, vaulted ceilings, laundry, deck with view of East Bay hills. Ann Nichols x1319



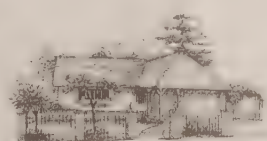
**MONTCLAIR** \$789,000  
**6662 LIGGETT DR.**  
New Listing! Delightful traditional close to Montclair Village. Comfortable living spaces & a fabulous large deck. 3BR/2BA, family room, plus space & room to expand. Sandi Klemmer x1314



**SHEFFIELD VILLAGE** \$679,000  
**274 COVINGTON ST** (Open 1-4)  
New Listing! Sunny & peaceful 3BR/2BA home in a beautiful neighborhood. Extensively remodeled. Formal dining room, kitchen w/granite counters, pretty yard. Michelle Miller x1335

**LAUREL** \$599,000  
**4130 BAYO ST**  
New Listing! Enchanting brown shingle w/2BR/1.5BA, 2 fireplaces, formal dining room, sweet country kitchen, and office. Set in a verdant garden oasis. A charmer! Jeanine Weller x1329

**ADAMS POINT** \$409,000  
**350 PERKINS ST. #207** (Open 2-5)  
Unbelievably gorgeous light filled 2BR/2BA condo. Large dining area & expansive living room with built-ins. Large deck. Freshly painted. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354



**PIEDMONT** \$1,195,000  
**958 KINGSTON AVE.**  
Charming 4BR/2BA Mediterranean. Restored many of the original details. Updated kitchen & bath, hardwood floors, formal dining room. French doors to yard. Ashley O'Neill x1368



**MONTCLAIR** \$699,000  
**2624 CARISBROOK DR.** (Open 2-5)  
Charming 2+BR/1BA cottage set amidst flowering gardens and giant oak trees. Crown moldings, cathedral ceilings, fireplace & separate writer's studio. Fritz Hochfeller x1348

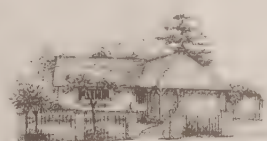
**PIEDMONT AVENUE** \$649,000  
**29-31 RIO VISTA AVE.**  
New Listing! Charming duplex with light-filled floors, coved ceilings, fireplace, hardwood floors, and much more. Cheerful backyard, garage. Joan Dark x1316

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS** \$585,000  
**4548 TOYON PL.**  
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**REDWOOD HEIGHTS** \$699,000  
A rare find in a delightful setting. Spacious 2BR home with tree views. Beautifully remodeled kitchen & bath. Family room/home office, dining room, front deck, back patio, workshop off 2-car garage. Diane E. McCan x1352 & Lee Jacobson x1309

**BERKELEY** \$1,050,000  
**4845 WEBSTER ST.** (Open 2-5)  
Classic Brown Shingle in the heart of Claremont. 3BR/2.5BA. Beautiful built-ins, wood trim, fireplace. Lush gardens. James Duffy x1326

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**MONTCLAIR** \$849,000  
Wonderful one-level home with view. Four-plus bedrooms, two baths, eat-in kitchen, dining room, large living room with beamed ceilings and brick fireplace. Carla Buffington x1367

**BERKELEY** \$549,000  
Farm house with bedroom addition. Fir floors, large eat-in kitchen with old fashioned gas stove, three bedrooms, two baths. Very secluded secret garden setting. Great neighborhood. Michelle Vasey x1359



**LAKE MERRITT** \$440,000  
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**MONTCLAIR** \$1,699,000  
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**BERKELEY** \$699,000  
Lovely Brown Shingle with original details. Five bedrooms, one full and two partial baths, formal dining room with fireplace, hardwood floors. Kitchen and baths need TLC. Fabulous neighborhood Michelle Vasey x1359

**BERKELEY** \$499,000  
Major fixer - contractor special. North Berkeley location, on a slight downslope lot. Great bay view, 3BR/1BA, approximately 1434 square feet. Kathy Flynn x1317

**TEMESCAL** \$399,000  
One of a kind, charming one-plus bedroom, one bath cottage. Original wood details, built-ins, wood burning stove, brick patio. Close to Piedmont Avenue, BART & Kaiser. Donna DeBardi x1374

**BERKELEY** \$250,000  
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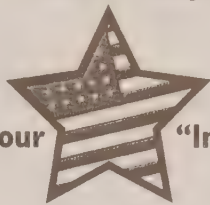


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**Fruitvale Craftsman**  
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**Alameda**  
\$1,479,000 **Soon**  
5BR/5BA. This mansion includes a 2 BR/2BA, Au Pair, a garage, hardwood floors, superb kitchen, & lovely garden with spa. While the period details are gorgeously intact, the home has every modern convenience.  
(510)339-8900



**Claremont Hills**  
\$2,990,000  
3+BR/3+BA. Exciting architecture, one-of-a-kind design. Panorama includes San Francisco, 5 bridges, blue & green vistas from every room. Level backyard & doors out from most rooms. Media "party" room, office, family room, formal dining, 3 fireplaces.  
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**Montclair**  
\$1,295,000 **Soon**  
3BR/2.5BA. Live large in Montclair! Impressive custom built contemporary marked by quality finishes & truly grand proportions. Stylish, newly constructed in-law quarters with an additional 1200 sq. ft. (approx.) of living space.  
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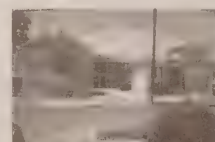
**Montclair**  
\$850,000 **Open**  
4BR/2BA. Feels like a country home just mins to Montclair Village. Terraced & frwy. Expanded in-law level yard "Great Room" floor to ceiling glass, space for a wood-burning fireplace, space for a wood-burning fireplace.  
301 Capricorn Ave.  
Open Sun 2-4:30  
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**Hiller Highlands**  
\$829,000 **Open**  
3BR/2.5BA. Bay and city views dominate this elegant, quiet townhouse. Here, one can live easily and conveniently. Front deck plus secluded landscaped rear patio make this a winner!  
105 Starview Ct.  
Open Sun 2-4:00  
(510)339-8900



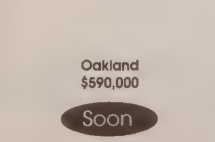
**Montclair**  
\$799,000 **Open**  
3BR/2BA. Storybook Creekside Beauty! Terrific renovation. Picturesque deck, gorgeous frplc, hwd flrs & beamed ceilings. Potential mstr BR w/ completion of 3rd bath. Tranquil, yet close to everything.  
6200 Thornhill  
Open Sun 2-4:30  
(510)339-8900



**Oakland**  
\$799,000 **Invest**  
One 3BR/2BA w/ 1 car gar + carport. Second house w/ 2BR/1BA w/ 1 car gar, 4 apartment units in rear, each with 2BR/1BA. Off street parking. Investors delight! Well kept property. All units currently rented.  
(925) 314-1500



**Maxwell Park**  
\$569,000 **Open**  
3BR/1BA + in-law. Daring Park starter. LR/DR combo w/ ins. Gorgeous hwd flrs, graded kit., detach gar w/ 10 storage rm. 1BR in-law w/ bath entry. Great for 1st time buyers!  
2754 Kingsland Ave.  
Open Sun 2-4:30  
(510)339-8900



**Oakland**  
\$590,000 **Soon**  
3BR/1BA. Newly remodeled throughout. 1912 craftsman w/ retained period details. Inlaid hwd flrs. Box beam ceiling in Frml DR & built-ins. Brand new kitchen, baths, electrical & plumbing.  
Coming Soon  
(510) 339-8900

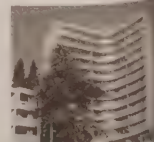


**Maxwell Park**  
\$495,000  
3BR/2BA. Daring Bungalow with redone kitchen on main floor with 2BR's separate lower floor with third BR, family room, this room will be a great bonus room. Lovely front garden in full bloom!  
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**Maxwell Park**  
\$449,000  
2BR/1BA. A warm and inviting bungalow. Private yard w/ separate office space and lovely landscaping.  
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**Oakland**  
\$2,300/mo. **Lease**  
2BR/2BA. Enjoy the summer terrace w/ panoramic views of the Merritt & East Bay Hills. Cozy "white glove" building doorman service.  
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### 1320 Gayle Court ♦ El Cerrito

Elegant 3-bedroom/2-bath home with hardwood floors, fireplace, built-in bookshelves and cabinets. Meticulously cared-for with Craftsman artistry and attention to detail. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac between Navellier and Norvell. An exquisite home not to be missed. Offered at \$575,000



Melissa Eizenberg  
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### 4151 Shafter Avenue ♦ Oakland

Sunny Temescal Traditional with Income! Stylish, spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath home and attached 2-story 1 bedroom apartment. Polished hardwood floors, updated kitchen, formal dining room, large enclosed level garden. Close to gourmet shops and BART. Offered at \$595,000



Todd Hodson 510.527.9111  
Ron Eggherman 510.524.0800

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Sunday, July 31



### open sunday

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. An exquisite Mediterranean with many fine architectural details, lovely high ceilings and tall windows create a feeling of space and wonderful light. Formal living and dining rooms, French doors to a charming patio. Four bedrooms, three and one half baths. Lower level family room with fireplace opens to a second patio and garden. Bay views. Offered at \$1,795,000



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### open sunday

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Tastefully remodeled throughout! Split-level charm with modern systems (including air conditioning). You must see this amazing garden - rare and usable. Two bedrooms, two baths and a family room.



3959 Whittle Avenue, Oakland

Offered at \$579,000

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### 1641 Arlington Blvd. ♦ El Cerrito


Sophisticated mid-century home on a large private site with Bay views. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, high-beamed ceilings, lovely garden. Great open floor plan ideal for entertaining. Third bedroom also perfect for home office or study. Across from Mira Vista Golf Course. Offered at \$650,000



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# Open Homes



**Oakland** \$1,190,000  
Brand new contemporary Montclair Home. Gorgeous 4 bedrooms with an office and 4.5 baths. Bright and airy living room w/Anderson doors to front deck. Gourmet kitchen, cooking island, pantry.

2630 Mountain Blvd. Open Sun 2-4  
Nic Tang 527-9111



**Berkeley** \$719,000  
Terrific 3 bedroom, 2 bath home accessible to all from either one flight of stairs, or the convenient elevator from the 2-car garage. Plus room perfect for office. Hardwood floors & a peek-of-the-bay view. Large, lush gardens. Fabulous North Berkeley location!  
827 Oxford St.  
Juliana Wynberg  
Open Sun 2-4  
527-2700x31



**El Cerrito** \$675,000  
Private, sunny & bright 3+ bedroom, 2 bath spacious home on large lot in prime location. Incredibly landscaped yard with Koi pond & indoor/outdoor feel. Gleaming hardwood floors, new carpets, and fresh interior paint.  
545 Colusa Ave. Open Sun 2-4  
Marni Fischer & Jean Shrem 527-9111



**El Cerrito** \$650,000  
Sophisticated mid-century modern on large private site with Bay and City views. Open floor plan and all on one level. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, high-beamed ceilings, picture windows overlooking lovely garden and views.

1641 Arlington Ave. Open Sun 2-4:30  
Todd Hodson 527-9111  
Ron Eggherman 524-0800



**El Cerrito** \$579,000  
Elegant 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Hardwood floors, fireplace, built-in bookshelves & cabinets. Meticulously cared-for w/ Craftsman artistry & attention to every detail. On quiet cul-de-sac. Exquisite, must see.

1320 Gayle Ct. Open Sun 2-4  
Melissa Eizenberg 524-0800



**Oakland** \$595,000  
Sunny Temescal Traditional with Income! Spacious 2 bedrooms, 1 bath home and attached 2-story 1-bedroom apartment. Gleaming hardwood floors, updated kitchen, big garden. Close to gourmet shops and BART.

4151 Shafter Ave. Open Sun 2-4:30  
Todd Hodson 527-9111  
Ron Eggherman 524-0800



**Berkeley** \$789,000  
Wonderful 1900s 2-story home. Spacious downstairs rooms include sunny parlor, formal dining room, study, big bright kitchen, cozy family room. Elegant stairs to 3 comfortable bedrooms. Large detached garage w/skylight & workshop space. Near Ashby BART.

1837 Prince St. Open Sun 2-4  
Dee Plunkett 527-9111



**Richmond** \$389,000  
Cute & clean 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. Refinished hardwood floors, updated kitchen & bath. New paint inside & out, new lawn, huge yard. Extra studio space.

2360 Gaynor Open Sunday 2-4  
Meridee Carter 527-2700x39

**Richmond/El Sobrante** \$495,000  
Spacious three bedroom, two bath home on quiet cul-de-sac. Big yard, move-in condition and great location!

4848 Morwood Dr. Open Sun 2-4  
Marni Fischer & Jean Shrem 527-9111

**E. Richmond Heights** \$595,000  
Spectacular View. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and playground retreat. Remodeled kitchen, oak floors, deck and spa. Beautifully landscaped gardens with fountains. Special play area for tots.

6600 Kensington Ave. Open Sun 2-4  
Merrilyn Rhodes 524-0800

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Berkeley CA 94707  
(510) 527-2700

762 Fairmount Avenue  
El Cerrito CA 94530  
(510) 527-9111

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Kensington CA 94707  
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Richmond CA 94801  
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## Alameda

\$1,150,000	1628 Alameda Ave.	6BD/5BA
Open Sun 2-4	Gold Coast Duplex	510-895-5900
Assist-2-Sell	Ed Corpus	
\$885,000	2452 Central Ave	3BD/2.5BA
Sun 2-5pm		510-482-8100
Discount Brokers R.E.	Dave Seyranian	
\$342,000	955 Shorepoint #313	1 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4	South Shore	510-522-7173
Harbor Bay Realty	Bev & George Williams	
\$380,000	1170 9th St. #24	1 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4		510-919-5485
Kane & Associates	John Bergman	
\$399,950	2000 Central Ave #L	2 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-5	Central Alameda	510-522-8585
Gallagher & Lindsey		
\$399,950	2000 Central Ave. Unit L	2 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4		510-522-8585
Alameda Realty		
\$405,000	1500 Central Ave. #F	2BD/2BA
Sun 2-4		510-919-3204
Kane & Associates	Dede Cunningham	
\$448,000	2209 Otis Drive	3 BD/1.5 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	South Shore	510-814-4826
Harbor Bay Realty	Donnaluci Williams	
\$479,500	339 Broadway Ave. #217	2 BD/2 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	East End	510-748-1108
Gallagher & Lindsey	Bill & Griselda Bissett	
\$480,000	1519 Central Ave	2 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4		510-521-1630
Bayside Real Estate	Janelle Spatz	
\$495,000	3 Mastick Court	2 BD/1 BA
Sat & Sun 2-4	East End	510-748-1156/748-1172
Gallagher & Lindsey	Doreen T./Shon S	
\$519,000	1521 Versailles	2 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4-30		510-821-4040
Alameda Realty	Chris Price	
\$565,000	1237 Broadway	2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4	Central	510-814-4714/814-4839
Harbor Bay Realty	Barbara Bolton/Bill Douglas	
\$580,000	1235 Broadway	2 Units
Sun 2-4	Central	510-814-4714/814-4839
Harbor Bay Realty	Barbara Bolton/Bill Douglas	
\$599,000	1843 8th St.	2 BD/2 BA
Sat 2-4	Central	510-814-4891
Harbor Bay Realty	George Muhr	
\$639,000	2900 Washington St.	2 BD/2 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4861/814-4777
Harbor Bay Realty	Susan B./Darlene H.	
\$649,000	2860 Jackson St.	3 BD/1 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	Central Alameda	510-748-1108
Harbor Bay Realty	Eunice Edwards/Donn Gutierrez	
\$659,000	1713 Oak Street	3+BD/1.5 BA
Sat & Sun 2-4	Central Alameda	510-748-1108
Gallagher & Lindsey	Bill & Griselda Bissett	
\$659,000	224 Brighton Ct	2 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4810
Harbor Bay Realty	Jane Friedrich	
\$665,000	1726 Lafayette St	2 BD/1 BA
Sat/Sun 2-5	Central	510-814-4832
Harbor Bay Realty	Dania Alvarez-Morroni	
\$665,000	2604 Otis Drive	3 BD/1 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	East End	510-522-9600/814-4888
Harbor Bay Realty	Izabella L./Steve S.	
\$669,000	1032 Court St	3BD/2BA
Sat/Sun 1-4	East End	510-748-1173
Gallagher & Lindsey	Kurt Jacobsen	
\$679,000	1050 Mangrove	4 BD/2 1/2 BA
Sun 2-4		510-522-5827
Bayside Real Estate	Dianna Wyman	

## Alameda

\$689,000	880 Portola Ave.	2 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4		510-521-5210
Centennial Real Estate	Frank Manibon	
\$699,000	1008 Pacific Ave	3 BD/2 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	Central	510-814-4863
Harbor Bay Realty	Tisa Beene	
\$699,000	914 Lilac St.	3 BD/2 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Is.	510-814-4819
Harbor Bay Realty	Nancy & Chuck Bianchi	
\$739,000	1015 Taylor Ave.	3 BD/2 BA
Sat & Sun 2-4	West End	510-748-1148
Gallagher & Lindsey	Pacita Dimacali	
\$765,000	8 Cerruti Ct.	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4		510-865-2800
Kane & Associates	Lisa Lawley	
\$775,000	314 Ironwood Dr.	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4		510-522-1175 / 523-6544
Kane & Associates	Betty Sewell / Lois Chase	
\$789,000	2528 San Jose Avenue	4 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4		510-865-3460
Kane & Associates	Pat Colburn	
\$795,000	1623 Moreland Dr	3BD/1.5BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	Fernside	510-748-1125
Gallagher & Lindsey	Troy Staten	
\$799,000	1409 9th Street	4 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	Central	510-814-4819
Harbor Bay Realty	Chuck & Nancy Bianchi	
\$835,000	1039 San Antonio	3 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4		510-523-2314
Kane & Associates	Sally Rudloff	
\$839,000	1019 Taylor Ave.	Duplex
Sat/Sun 2-4	West End	510-748-1198
Gallagher & Lindsey	Dave Park	
\$859,000	1355 Regent St.	3+BD/2 1/2 BA
Sun 2-4-30		510-522-5827
Bayside Real Estate	Dianna Wyman	
\$859,000	1417 St. Charles	2 Units
Sun 2-4	Central	510-814-4815
Harbor Bay Realty	Nancy Gordon	
\$875,000	3 Parodi Ct.	4 BD/2.5 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4887/814-4897
Harbor Bay Realty	Alex Mack/Nancy Mach	
\$899,990	1004 Begonia Dr.	4BD/3BA
Sat & Sun 1-4		510-769-0581
Century 21 LandMark Excellence		
\$949,000	2811 Windsor Dr.	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Fernside Marina	510-814-4811
Harbor Bay Realty	Fred Christensen	
\$969,000	14 Wellfleet	4+BD/3 BA
Sun 2-4		510-508-1215
Kane & Associates	John McNulty	
\$990,000	1620 Dayton Ave.	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	Gold Coast	510-814-4880
Harbor Bay Realty	Maureen Shandobil	
\$995,000	1337 Sherman St.	4BD/3BA
Sun 1-3	Neighborhood	707-965-1905
Century 21 LandMark Excellence	Charles Dunn	
\$1,398,000	612 Fortress Isle	4+BD/3+BA
Sun 1-4	So. Shore	510-769-0581
Century 21 LandMark Excellence		
\$2,480,000	26 Castlebar Pl.	4 BD/5.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4892
Harbor Bay Realty	Eunice Edwards	

## Albany

\$569,000	822 Key Route Blvd.	2BD/2BA
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-531-7000x246
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Stan Hammond	
\$435,000	555 Pierce Street	1+BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133
The Grubb Co.	Diane Verducci	

## Albany

\$559,000	939 Key Route Rd	2BA/1BA
Open Sun 1:30-4		510-280-2145
Red Oak Realty	Virginia Jones	
\$765,000	1131 Portland Ave.	3BD/2 1/2 BA
Open Sun 1-4		415-966-6312
North Beach Properties	Rick Durazzo	
\$639,000	1812 Chestnut St.	1BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-4	N. Berkeley	925-858-6530
Allstate Investments	Dan Ghoshal	
\$250,000	2550 Dana St. #2E	2bd/4ba
Open Sun 2-4	Senior (55+)	510-848-1950
Thornwall	Nancy Foss	
\$349,000	2112 McKinley #C	2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4:30		510-339-9290
Prudential	Monica Fomeret	
\$359,000	1825 Vine St. Unit 6	1BA/1BA
Open Sun 2-4	NEW	510-280-2178
Red Oak Realty	Grace Bishop	
\$475,000	2725 Prince St. #4	2BD/1BA
Sun 2-5	Elenwood	510-339-9290
Prudential	Laurel Strand	
\$499,000	2138 Byron Street	3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.	Jill Carrigan	
\$549,000	2832 Stanton Street	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.	Erika Celestre	
\$550,000	1605 8th St	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-336-9999
Assist-2-Sell	Agent	
\$579,000	1234 Delaware	3BD/1.5 BA
Open Sun 2-4	N. Berkeley	510-848-1950
Thornwall	Tracy D. & Lee G.	
\$579,000	1234 Delaware	3BD/1 1/2 BA
Open Sat. & Sun 2-4		510-848-1750
Thornwall Properties	Tracy Davis/Lee Goodwin	
\$635,000	769 Vincente	2BD/1BA
Sat & Sun 2-4	1000 Oaks	510-851-5986
Keller Williams Oakland	Joanne Madlung	
\$649,000	1771 Beverly Place	2BA/1BA
Open Sun 2-5		510-932-3538
Red Oak Realty	Robin Kingsbury	
\$650,000	1421 Northside	2BA/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	NEW	510-280-2163
Red Oak Realty	Charlie Cook	
\$650,000	1626 Acton	3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	North Berkeley	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Lydia Nayo	
\$675,000	1435 Campus Dr.	3+bd/2ba
Sun 2-4:30	No. Berkeley Hills	510-524-9888x13
Berkeley Hills	Peter Damm	
\$675,000	2577 Rose St.	3+BA/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-280-2154
Red Oak Realty	Jane Ishibashi	
\$719,000	827 Oxford St.	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-527-2700 X 31
Marvin Gardens	Juliana Wynberg	
\$729,000	1849 Arch St. #C	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 1-4		510-243-1880
Clearview Realty	Dan Stone	
\$749,000	1335 La Loma Ave	2BD/1+BA
Sun 2-5pm	Berkeley Hills	510-868-1400
Prudential	Sony Ali	
\$779,000	1080 Eculid Ave.	3BA/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-292-2038
Red Oak Realty	Carrie McAlister	
\$789,000	1507 Russell St.	Triplex
Open Sat. & Sun. 1-4		510-407-4243
Franklin Real Estate	Sharon Mathis	
\$789,000	1637 Prince St.	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-527-9111
Marvin Gardens	Dee Plunkett	
\$795,000	1415 Alcatraz	
Open Sun 2-4	2 houses 1 lot	510-848-1950
Thornwall	Lee Goodwin/Tracy	
\$799,000	452 Boynton Avenue	4+BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133
The Grubb Co.	Nacio Brown	
\$799,950	2005-07 Delaware	Duplex
Open Sun 1-4		510-566-3282
Coldwell Banker Bartels	Ning Jiang	
\$849,000	1726 Martin Luther King Jr	4+BA/4BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-685-1415
Red Oak Realty	Mamood Mokari	
\$850,000	441 Boynton	4BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Michael Powers	
\$875,000	2335 Eunice Street	3BD/1BA & 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133
The Grubb Co.	Annie Walrand	
\$895,000	635 San Fernando Avenue	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sat 1-4		510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.	Anne Van Dyke	

## Berkeley

\$1,050,000	2945 Webster St.	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-5		510-338-1326
Pacific Union	James Duffy	
\$1,175,000	781 Spruce	4BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-5	Berkeley Hills	510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Barbara Marienthal	
\$1,200,000	439 Spruce	5bd/4ba
Open Sun 2-4	Berkeley Hills	510-524-9888x33
Berkeley Hills	Bill & Tracy	
\$1,200,000	956 Arlington Ave.	4bd/2+ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley Hills	510-429-0900
Prudential	Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine	
\$1,375,000	136 Panoramic Way	3+BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133
The Grubb Co.	The Ratcliffes	
\$1,399,000	2919 Fulton St.	Fourplex
Sat & Sun 12:30-4		510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Azaria Berhane	
\$1,400,000	2156 Ward St.	5BD/4BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Kim & Barbara Marienthal	
\$1,495,000	217 Gravatt Dr.	3+bd/3+ba
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-384-3557
Better Homes Montclair	Jennie Lippincott	
\$1,695,000	7112 Marlborough Terr.	3+BD/3 1/2 BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-9290
Prudential	Heidi Marchesotti	
\$1,900,000	10 Arden Road	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133
The Grubb Co.	Carolyn Jones	
\$1,175,000	8341 Kent Court	3BD/3.5BA
Open Sun 1-4		925-683-3488
Prudential California Realty	Marty Baum	
\$509,000	2530 Edwards Avenue	3BD/1BA
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-531-7000x264
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Barbara Roessler	
\$648,000	6090 North Arlington Blvd.	4BD/2BA
Open Sun 1-4		415-244-5761
VGI Properties		
\$499,950	2308 Mono Ave	3bd/2ba
Open Sun 1-4		510-672-0719
Security Pacific	Maggie Wang	
\$559,000	1341 Everett St.	3bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-524-1839
R.P. Smith & Co.	Richard Smith	
\$598,000	3347 Yosemite	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 1-4		510-377-9357
Coldwell Banker Bartels	Lisa Spencer	
\$675,000	545 Colusa Ave	3+BD/2BA
Sun 2-4pm		510-527-9111
Marvin Gardens	Mami F. & Jean S.	
\$675,000	708 Avila Place	4d/2 1/2ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-662-8545
Security Pacific	Michele Manzono	
\$679,000	558 Clayton Ave.	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Gene Della Maggiora	
\$695,000	2328 Carquinez Ave.	4bd/2+ba
Open Sun 1-4	El Cerrito Hills	510-845-0211
Prudential	Deb G.	
\$699,000	1126 Shevlin Dr. Ave	3BD/2BA
Open Sat & Sun 1-4pm		510-525-2346
Prudential	Carol Heath-Kim	
\$749,000	8440 Terrace Dr.	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-524-0800
Marvin Gardens	Mitch Lucio	
\$825,000	8535 Betty Lane	3cd 2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-662-8469
Security Pacific	Gerl Stern	
\$968,000	51 La Paloma Ct.	5 BD/3 BA
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-748-1191
Gallagher & Lindsey	Camice Seckendorf	
\$495,000	5907 Vallejo #B	2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-338-1319
Pacific Union	Ann Nichols	
\$849,000	12 Stratford Road	4BD/3BA
OPEN SUN 2-4:30		510-527-8777
Investment House Realty	Jeanne Yeh, Agt.	
\$560,000	117 Lawson Rd.	2BD 2BA
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-524-3840
Millstein & Associates	Sheri Madden	
\$985,000	24 Kerr Avenue	4BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133
The Grubb Co.	Bebe McRae	
\$725,000	3372 N. Lucille Lane	4BD/2BA
Sun 1-5		510-339-9290
Prudential	Erik Johnson	

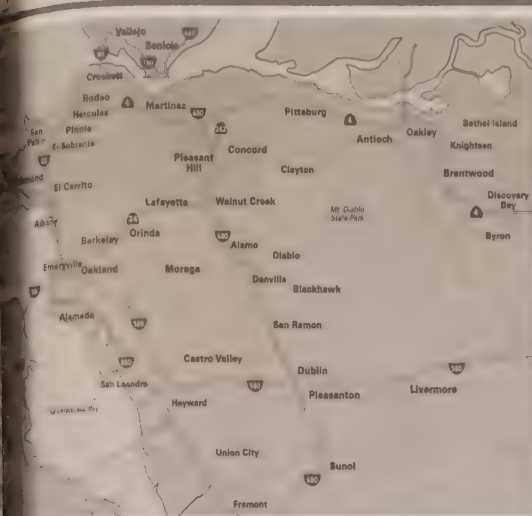
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# Weekend OPEN HOMES

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389 Belmont St #207 2BD/2BA 510-595-7699 Dave Higgins	5995,000 9401 Murillo Ave. 3bd/2ba Open Sun 2-4:30 Oak Knoll Better Homes Montclair Sue Caro
9716 Thermal St. 2BD/1BA 510-232-2037 Matt Cord	5999,000 3801 Malcolm Drive 3+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Hills 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Michael Friedman
1366 34th St. BD/1BA 510-849-9900 Annaa Demuth	5999,000 4130 Bayo Ct. 2+BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Laurel 510-338-1329 Jeanine Weller
1430-1432 22nd Ave & 2201 E. 15th St. 510-339-8900 x262 Sheila Brox Crawford	5999,000 438 East Merle Ct. 3bd/1ba Open Sun 2-4:30 Broadmoor Better Homes Montclair Earl Shenk
3687 #9 Maple Ave. 3bd/1.5 510-428-0990 Brian Santilena	5999,000 4601 Manila 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Temescal 510-848-1950x240 Colleen Larkin
5832 Morse Dr. 2bd/1ba 510-845-0211 Deb G.	5999,000 7373 Saroni 2bd/1ba Open Sun 1-5 Montclair Re/Max E.Bay Hills Rick & Ernie
2807 Eastman Ave. 2 BD/1BA 510-814-0891 George Muhr	5619,000 4109 Terrace St. 2BD/1BA Sun 1-5pm Lawton Associates Ron Kriss
4240 Suter Street 2BD/1BA 510-339-9290 Vince Moran	5619,000 4538 Reinhardt Dr. 2bd/2ba Open Sun 2-4:30 Redwood Heights 510-482-9000 Better Homes Montclair PatriciaBennett.com
1183 Bayview Avenue 4BD/2BA 510-700-2239 Don Dunning	5619,000 505 Fairmount Ave. Duplex Open Sun 2-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors Sarah Schisler
1432 44th Ave. Duplex 510-759-3800 Muad Alarbes	5625,000 1912 Tiffin Road 2BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 Oakmore 510-339-9290 Prudential Gina Rogers
1555 Lakeside Dr. 30 2BD/2BA 510-486-1495 Jacky Arvin	5625,000 492 Staten Ave #203 2BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Lake Merritt 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Tricia Swift
2543 Monticello Ave. 2BD/1BA 510-849-9900 Scott Ward	5629,000 4044 Midvale 2BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Redwood Heights 510-338-1352 Pacific Union Diane E. McCann
3244 Adeline 3+BD/1.5BA 510-472-4833 Norman Brex	5649,000 29-31 Rio Vista Duplex Open Sun 2-4:30 Piedmont Avenue 510-338-1316 Pacific Union Joan Dark
755 67th Ave. 2BD/1BA 510-339-9290 Dollie Henson	5649,000 3921 Fruitvale 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Upper Fruitvale 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Terry Kulka & Nader Davari
370 Oakland Ave 2+BD/1BA 510-868-1400 Jake	5650,000 8926 Thermal Street 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors Rita Robinson
3015 Morcom Avenue 2BD/1.5BA 510-700-2238 Kate Phillips	5675,000 5908 Broadway 3+bd/1.5ba Open Sun 2-4:30 Rockridge 510-428-0900 Prudential Brian Santilena
3619 Hageman Ave 3BD/2BA 510-759-2265 James Shin	5679,000 274 Covington St. 3BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4 Sheffield Village 510-338-1335 Pacific Union Michelle Miller
937 26th St. 3BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Terry Anthony	5679,000 4021 Lyman Rd. 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Oakmore 510-482-9000 Montclair Better Homes PatriciaBennett.com
422 44th Street 2BD/1BA 510-652-2133 The Ratcliffes	5679,000 6665 Girvin Dr. 3BD/2BA Sat & Sun 12-6 Montclair 510-339-9290 Prudential Erin Johnson
1702-1704 Filbert St. 3 BD/2 BA 510-755-4083 John Chang	5685,000 451 60th St. 3BD/1BA Open Sun. 2-4 Rockridge 510-207-2966 Thornwall Helen W./Kathryn S.
3319 Magnolia 2bd/2ba 510-845-0211 Deb G.	5699,000 24 Joaquin Miller Ct. 3BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-338-1303 Pacific Union Wendy Gardner-Ferrari
4435 Penniman Ave. 4BD/2BA 510-332-7795 Patricia Grima	5699,000 2624 Carisbrook 2+BD/1BA Open Sun 2-5 Piedmont Pines 510-338-1348 Pacific Union Fritz Hochfellner
494 Jean St. 2+BD/1.5BA 510-527-8822 Gene Mittlestein	5700,000 753 Warfield 1BD/1BA Open Sun 2-5 Lakeshore 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Barbara Hardacre
2754 Kingsland Ave 3+BD/1BA 510-421-6818 J.C. & Heather Gonzales	5717,000 90 Terallyn Court 3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Redwood Hills 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Anne Feste
280 41st 3BD/2BA 510-547-5970x55 Ron Kriss	5725,000 1415 Barrows Road 2BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 Trestle Glen 510-339-9290 Prudential Jane Flint
320 Elwood 2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Leslie Wei	5729,000 5533 Taft Avenue 3+BD/1+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Rockridge 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Mavis Delacroix
3959 Whittie Avenue 2BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Katherine Cooper	5739,000 149 Malden Lane 4BD/3BA Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-9290 Prudential Tami Bobb
4001 Reda 2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Victor Ratto	5749,000 379 Staten Ave. DUPEX Open Sun. 2-4:30 Adams Pl. 510-339-4000 Montclair Better Homes Arnold Muller
426 27th St. #102B 2BD/1.5BA 510-339-4700 Victor Ratto	5749,000 5763 Florence Terr. 4BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Claudia Bowman
3209 64th Ave 3BD & 1 BD 2 homes 510-472-8536	5769,000 5901 Leona Street 5BD/4BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Hills 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Mary Merrick
4548 Teyon Pl. 2BD/1BA 510-338-1352 Diane E. McCann	5780,000 4103-05 Terrace St. 2 units Sun 1-5pm Piedmont Ave. 510-547-5970x55 Lawton Associates Ron Kriss
201 4th St. #411 2BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Elen Lancaster	5789,000 3825 Lakeshore Ave. 3+bd/1.5ba Open Sun. 2-5 Crocker Highlands 510-845-0211 Prudential Rita Harrington
4151 Shafter Avenue 2BD/1BA 510-527-9111/524-0800 Todd Hodson/Ron Egberman	5789,000 6662 Liggett 3+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-338-1314 Pacific Union Sanid Klemmer
6151 Oakdale 4BD/2BA 510-301-4004 Jim Nations	5790,000 321 Perkins St. 3.5/bd/2.5ba Open Sun 2-5 Lake Merritt 510-834-2010 Prudential Mayling Trinh

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59 Hamilton Place 4bd/3ba Open Sun 1-4 (Triplex) Adams Pl. 510-428-0900 Prudential Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine	38D/1.5BA 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Anthony Riggins
4755 Geranium Pl. 4BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Hills 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Karen Lum	38D/2BA 510-289-3658 Tiffany Copland
6200 Thornhill Dr. 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-289-3658 C21 Heritage Tiffany Copland	38D/2BA 510-289-3658 Tiffany Copland
6647 Forestland Way 4BD/3BA Sat & Sun 2-5 Prudential Chris Neddersen	48D/3BA 510-527-0174 Chris Neddersen
2 Melvin Ct. 3+bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Oakmore 510-693-7973 Montclair Better Homes Regina Jacobs	3+bd/2ba 510-693-7973 Regina Jacobs
148 Malden Lane 3BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 Lincoln Highlands 510-339-9290 Prudential David Otero	3BD/2BA 510-339-9290 David Otero
301 Capricorn Ave 4BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-8900 C21 Heritage Helen Nicholas	4BD/2BA 510-339-8900 Helen Nicholas
5426 Lawton Ave 3BD/1.5BA Open Sun 1-5 Lawton Associates Ron Kriss	3BD/1.5BA 510-547-5970 x55 Ron Kriss
1001 Park Lane 2BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Crocker 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Karen Lum	2BD/2.5BA 510-339-4700 Karen Lum
1001 Park Lane 2BD/2.5BA Open Sat 2-4:30 Crocker 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Ruby Ng	2BD/2.5BA 510-339-4700 Ruby Ng
857 Portal Ave. 4BD/2+1/2BA Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands 510-339-9290 Prudential Chris Hansen	4BD/2+1/2BA 510-339-9290 Chris Hansen
215 Athol Ave. Triplex+ Open Sun 2-4 China Hill 510-428-0900 Prudential Kathy Dittmer	Triplex+ 510-428-0900 Kathy Dittmer
208-212 Orange 3 Units Open Sun 2-4:30 Adams Point 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Gary Robinson	3 Units 510-339-4700 Gary Robinson
1856 Melvin Rd. 4bd/3ba Open Sun 2-4:30 Oakmore 510-482-9000 Montclair Better Homes PatriciaBennett.com	4bd/3ba 510-482-9000 PatriciaBennett.com
977 38th St. 2 Units Sat/Sun 4:30-6:30 Harbor Bay Realty DonnaLui Williams	2 Units 510-814-4826 DonnaLui Williams
196 Orange St. Triplex Open Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker Arianne Austin	Triplex 510-466-1495 Arianne Austin
3015 Harrison St. 4 Units Open Sun 2-5 Upper Grand 510-834-2010 Prudential Mayling Trinh	4 Units 510-834-2010 Mayling Trinh
815 Paloma Ave. 3BD/2+1/2BA Open Sun 1-4 North Beach Properties 415-986-6312 Rick Durazzo	3BD/2+1/2BA 415-986-6312 Rick Durazzo
6555 Exeter Drive 4BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Kurt Buchholz	4BD/3BA 510-339-0400 Kurt Buchholz
30 Starview Dr. 3+BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Hiller Highlands 510-338-1366 Pacific Union Joanna Hirsch	3+BD/2.5BA 510-338-1366 Joanna Hirsch
6669 Sobrante 3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Peter Nicolopoulos	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-4700 Peter Nicolopoulos
7260 Homewood 4BD/4.5BA Open Sun 1-5 Colwell Banker 510-339-4700 Donna Conroy	4BD/4.5BA 510-339-4700 Donna Conroy
2630 Mountain Blvd. 4BD/4.5BA Sun 2-4pm Marvin Gardens 510-527-9111 Nic Tang	4BD/4.5BA 510-527-9111 Nic Tang
7001 Elverton 4BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Reva Tobert & Preston Grant	4BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Reva Tobert & Preston Grant
6194 Mazuela Drive 4BD/4BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Anthony Riggins	4BD/4BA 510-339-0400 Anthony Riggins
8 Dorothy Place 4BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co. Debra J. Dryden	4BD/3BA 510-339-0400 Debra J. Dryden
7953 Crest Ave 5 BD/4 BA Sun 1-4 Harbor Bay Realty 510-814-4858 Brooke Abbasi	5 BD/4 BA 510-814-4858 Brooke Abbasi
206 Scenic 3+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union 510-338-1383 Sheila Gallagher	3+BD/2BA 510-338-1383 Sheila Gallagher
6267 Rutland Rd. 3BD/3.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker David Eckert	3BD/3.5BA 510-339-4700 David Eckert
6171 Rutland Rd. 3BD/3.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Joan Duffield	3BD/3.5BA 510-339-4700 Joan Duffield
5801 Buena Vista Ave 4BD/3.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Upper Rockridge 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Elizabeth Dickson	4BD/3.5BA 510-339-0400 Elizabeth Dickson
6036 Contra Costa 4+BD/4BA Open Sun. 2-5 Rockridge Upper 510-287-2521 Prudential Chris Harris	4+BD/4BA 510-287-2521 Chris Harris
5747 Buena Vista Ave. 5+BD/3+1/2BA Sun 2-4:30 Rockridge (upper) 510-339-9290 Prudential Heldi Marchesotti	5+BD/3+1/2BA 510-339-9290 Heldi Marchesotti

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84 Cambrian Ave 5bd/5+1/2ba Open Sun 1:30-5 Prudential Scott Thompson	5bd/5+1/2ba 510-428-0900 Scott Thompson
Pleasanton	Pleasanton
298 Birch Creek 2BD/2.5BA Open Sat & Sun 1-4 Vineyard 510-821-1585 Security Pacific R.E. Susan Perry	2BD/2.5BA 510-821-1585 Susan Perry
Richmond	Richmond
210 Park Lane 2BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4 Hilltop 510-508-5580 Coldwell Banker Bartels Mary Cao	2BD/1.5BA 510-508-5580 Mary Cao
5733 Fresno Ave. 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Annex 510-375-0303 Coldwell Banker Bartels Christopher Chenuit	2BD/1BA 510-375-0303 Christopher Chenuit
762 38th St. 3BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker Bartels Don Quintal	3BD/2BA 510-685-5941 Don Quintal
3942 Selmi Grove 4BD/2.5BA Open Sun. 1-4 Coldwell Banker Bartels 510-691-1222 sam Cheng	4BD/2.5BA 510-691-1222 sam Cheng
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2360 Gaynor 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4 Marvin Gardens 510-527-2700 X 39 Meridice Carter	2BD/1BA 510-527-2700 X 39 Meridice Carter
1917 Francisco Wy 2bd/1ba Open Sun. 2-4 Richmond View 510-662-8558 Security Pacific www.carliadellazoppa.com	2bd/1ba 510-662-8558 www.carliadellazoppa.com
3511 Barrett Ave 2bd/2ba Open Sun. 1-4 Help-U-Sell Berkeley 510-848-0110 Jerri Curry	2bd/2ba 510-848-0110 Jerri Curry
1201 Melville Square #210 2BD/2BA Sun 2-4:00 Point Realty Karen Kittle	2BD/2BA 510-215-2807 Karen Kittle
709 26th St. 3bd/1ba Open Sun. 1-4 North East 510-381-9695 ReMax E.Bay Hills Vea	3bd/1ba 510-381-9695 Vea
1517 Aqua Vista Rd. 3bd/1.5ba Open Sun. 1-4 Security Pacific R.E. Cynthia Burke	3bd/1.5ba 510-517-3326 Cynthia Burke
4848 Morwood Drive 3BD/2BA Sun 2-4pm Marvin Gardens 510-527-9111 Marni Fischer/Jean Shrem	3BD/2BA 510-527-9111 Marni Fischer/Jean Shrem
920 Yuba St 2BD/1BA Open Sun 1-4pm Security Pacific Cynthia Burke	2BD/1BA 510-517-3326 Cynthia Burke
9 91 37th St. 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-5 Prudential Calif Re.	3BD/2BA 510-868-1404 Phina C.

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5733 Fresno Ave. 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Annex 510-375-0303 Coldwell Banker Bartels Christopher Chenuit	2BD/1BA 510-375-0303 Christopher Chenuit
6600 Kensington Ave. 3BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4 E. Richmond Heights 510-524-0800 Marvin Gardens Merrilyn Rhodes	3BD/1.5BA 510-524-0800 Merrilyn Rhodes
San Francisco	San Francisco
11 Altura Way 3BD/1BA Sun 1-4 Buri-Buri 510-748-1118 Gallagher and Lindsey Ty Weichart	3BD/1BA 510-748-1118 Ty Weichart
San Leandro	San Leandro
1832 Hillview Drive 4BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Bay O Vista 531-7006 x234 Wells & Bennett Realtors Beth DeAtley	4BD/2BA 531-7006 x234 Beth DeAtley
431 Lewis Ave. 2bd/1ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Better Homes Montclair Earle Shenk	2bd/1ba 510-220-6407 Earle Shenk
1054 Victoria 2 BD/1.5 BA Sun 3-5 Harbor Bay Realty Connie Hanna	2 BD/1.5 BA 510-814-4814 Connie Hanna
231 Suffolk Dr. 2BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker Nancy Maloney	2BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Nancy Maloney
1095 Bancroft Ave. 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker Lydia Nayo	2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Lydia Nayo
16671 Winding Blvd. 3 BD/2 BA Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Nancy & Steve Brandt	3 BD/2 BA 510-814-4823/814-4889 Nancy & Steve Brandt
1079 Lee St. 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Estudillo Estates 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Lydia Nayo	3BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Lydia Nayo
1387 Manor Blvd Duplex Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates Kathie & Patrick Ng	Duplex 510-828-3118 Kathie & Patrick Ng
San Lorenzo	San Lorenzo
16255 Julia Lane 3bd/2.5ba Open Sun 2-5 Prudential Mayling Trinh	3bd/2.5ba 510-834-2010 Mayling Trinh
San Pablo	San Pablo
2134 Broadmore Ave. 4BD/2BA Open Sat & Sun 1-4 Bayview Park 510-821-1585 Security Pacific R.E. Susan Perry	4BD/2BA 510-821-1585 Susan Perry
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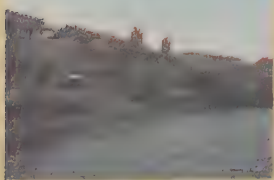
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## ALAMEDA



**1015 TAYLOR AVENUE** \$739,000  
**West End** Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
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**1019 TAYLOR AVENUE** \$839,000  
**West End** Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
 Queen Anne Victorian. Legal duplex. Used as single family home with separate unit. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, 2 formal living rooms and 2 separate 1-car garages. Main home has formal dining room, family room. High ceilings, wood floors, tall windows, new Berber carpet, ornamental fireplace with mantle, high full basement with workshop and bonus room. Historical study list. 6100 sq ft lot. Next door to 1015 Taylor.  
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 Dave Park 510-748-1198

**3260 CENTRAL AVENUE** \$850,000  
**East End** By Appointment Only  
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**1013 PACIFIC AVENUE** \$650,000  
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# SPORTS

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Section C

## Albany Little Leaguers ousted from Section 1 tourney

After back-to-back losers' bracket victories, the local team falls to S.F. American for the second time

By Phil Jensen  
STAFF WRITER

The Albany Little League 11-year-old all-star team finished within one game of the Section 1 championship game. Albany lost 14-10 to San Francisco American on Monday in the losers' bracket in

Sonoma. Albany took a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning. RBI were supplied by Daniel Supple (double), Zach Chiang (a walk with the bases loaded) and Chris Dempster (a two-run single). Starting pitcher Chiang allowed just three runs in three innings on the mound.

San Francisco American scored five runs without a hit to take an 8-4 lead in the fourth inning, but Albany rebounded with five runs of its own in the top of the fifth inning on RBI singles by Paul Kennedy and Nick Lamb, a Dempster walk with the bases

loaded, and a two-run single by Jesse Santos with two outs.

But in a see-saw game, San Francisco American bounced back with six runs in the bottom of the fifth. In the sixth, Albany closed the game's scoring with a long home run by Kennedy over the right-center field fence.

Albany had 14 hits in the loss. Supple had three hits, and Jake Kermish-Wells, Lamb, Santos, Supple and Kennedy had two hits apiece.

Proceeding that game, Albany had won two straight times to stay alive in the losers' bracket.

On Sunday, Albany edged Benicia 3-2 in seven innings. The winning run occurred in the top of the seventh. Leadoff hitter Lamb reached base on an error, advanced to third base on a single by Luke Rose, and scored on a ground out by Santos. Rose, who had three hits, scored the other two Albany runs on a Santos ground out in the first inning and a wild pitch in the third.

Gabe Scaglione allowed no runs in four innings of relief pitching to get the win. Starter Dempster allowed the two Unearthed runs in two innings of work.

Albany dominated Vacaville National 7-0 on Saturday. Santos, Scaglione and Chiang combined for a three-hitter on the mound, and Kennedy slammed a three-run home run over the right-center field fence in the first inning. Santos drove in runs on ground outs in the first and fourth innings, and Scaglione and Chris Dempster had RBI in the fifth. Lamb and Kennedy scored twice in the win. Starting pitcher Santos struck out six batters in four innings for the win.

In its opening game of the tournament Friday, San Francisco American edged Albany 6-

5. Albany battled back from a 3-0 deficit in the first inning to take a 5-3 lead into the sixth inning. San Francisco American, however, scored three runs in the sixth inning to win the game.

Rose had a pair of doubles and an RBI for Albany. Leadoff hitter Lamb scored twice, and Garrett Freeberg drove in a run in the first inning with a sacrifice fly and scored a run in the fourth inning. Kermish-Wells had a hand in two double plays defensively, including an unassisted double play in the first inning.

### ALBANY-BERKELEY STING SOFTBALL

SANTO HILL FASTPITCH TOURNAMENT  
JULY 16-17

Winner

Pacifica Blue Crush 7, Sting Blue 4; East Valley Twisters 6, Sting Blue 1; Against the Blue Crush, Abby Ridley-Kerr had a bunt single and eventually scored on Helen Masson's single. In the fifth, Ulah Hubbard doubled, stole third and scored on Ridley-Kerr's single. Ridley-Kerr scored on Kate McDonald's sacrifice. Masson singled, stole second, and scored on Kari Carter's single. Defensively, outfielders Ariana Stevens, Masson and Carter snapped up fly balls. Pitcher Chavers began the first inning with a bunt strikeout, a pattern that Elizabeth Tusk continued with her turn in the circle. The Sting-Twister game highlights included, on defense, pitcher Johanna Heyer snagging foul balls and gunning down a runner attempting to steal third, and Hanna Viogara's reliable work at first base. On the offensive side, Ridley-Kerr singled, stole second, and scored on McDonald's bunt for an RBI. Heyer singled and stole second. In the second, Masson singled, stole second, and scored on Hubbard's double. In the fifth, Hubbard walked, stole third and scored on McDonald's single.

WEST PARK FASTPITCH TOURNAMENT  
JULY 23-24

Winner

Passant Hill Panthers 11, Sting Blue 4; San Bruno Storm 14, Sting Blue 4; Sting Gold 4, Marin Tremors 1; Panthers Steel Breeze 7, Sting Blue 2. In the first game, Elana Jale Portico went 2-for-2 and singled. Defensive highlights included fly balls caught by right fielder Sturgeon and shortstop Jacobson, a diving stop at third base by Diego Di Costanzo and a double play first by Fiona Riley to end the game. In the third game, pitcher Mar Hunt struck out six batters to gain momentum behind win over Marin. Hits by Hunt and Sturgeon preceded a steal of home by Di Costanzo. Second baseman Alle Preshner caught fly balls. Catcher Ellie Arkin bunted a ball and threw the runner out at first base. In the last inning of the fourth game, Carol Sturgeon had a three-run double. Hunt hit a double and a triple, and as pitcher struck out three in a row in the fourth inning. Two fly balls were caught by Sydney Morone in left field. Sting Blue 13, Santa Rosa Victory Gold 0; Sting Blue 13, Petaluma Steel Breeze 0; Sting Blue 3, San Bruno Storm 1; Sting Blue 13, Marin County Renegades 0; Sting Blue 12, San Anselmo Storm 0; San Bruno Storm 11, Sting Blue 5; Sting Blue played a strong set of five games

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### LOCAL BOWLING RESULTS

#### Amateur Bowlers Tour

Holiday Bowl (July 9-10): Jay Hildebeck, Martinez, 207, \$500; Dan Demesa, Antioch, 607, \$250; Tom Mopkins, Stockton, 396, \$90; Susan, Pittsburg, 207, \$70; Bill Jones, Hayward, 204, \$70; Rodrigo Lopez, Pittsburg, 570, \$55; Gerry Lopez, Pittsburg, 569, \$55.

## Inside story on futsal: It's exciting



JOANNA JHANDASTAFF

WALKER TOMA controls the ball as he's challenged by Alex Espinoza during a futsal workout in Berkeley.

The five-a-side indoor soccer game requires, among other things, good passing skills and brave goals

By Mike McGreehan  
STAFF WRITER

Some say the word "futsal" comes from the Spanish *futbol de salon*. Others say it derives from the Portuguese *futebol de salão*. Still others contend the word's last three letters come from *sala*, Spanish for "living room."

But futsal is one game you would not want to play in your living room. Futsal is five-a-side indoor soccer, typically played on basketball courts and, where available, team handball courts. Players maneuver in tight spaces, and the action can get fast and furious. Precision passing is a must. So are quick decisions.

And those involved just love the sport.

"It's quicker and faster (than the outdoor game) and you have to do a lot of first touches," says Alex Espinoza, a sophomore-to-be at Richmond High School who plays his outdoor club soccer with the Alameda Contra Costa Mavericks under-15 team. As for futsal, Espinoza plays with the under-14 Blackhaws, an Oakland-Alameda Futsal

League team that participated in this month's U.S. Futsal National Championship in Anaheim.

Futsal isn't to be confused with the indoor soccer we normally see on TV. That's a six-a-side game played inside a hockey rink on artificial turf. Futsal has no sideboards. And it's played in a more confined area, usually on a standard gym floor.

"Futsal is really good for the players' foot skills," says Blackhaws coach Jim Bloom. "(In the other type of indoor soccer), the players use the boards. In futsal, short-passing skills are so much more refined. It's a much smaller space."

And in contrast to the outdoor game, a futsal ball is smaller and has less bounce than a conventional soccer ball.

For the most part, the ball stays on the floor. But there are headers. And when a player gets off a shot — wow! The ball just buzzes in on goal. And brave goalkeepers do all they can to stand in the way.

"The goalkeepers are fearless, just fearless," Bloom says. "It's amazing."

Typically, the OAFU season runs from January through March. Among the game sites are the gyms at Alameda Point (the former Alameda Naval Air Station) and Holy Names College. State playoffs take place sometime in spring, and the nationals happen typically around

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— Blackhaws futsal coach Jim Bloom

this time.

Bloom actually coaches two under-14 boys teams in the OAFU: the team that competed at the nationals — Blackhaws I — and Blackhaws II. Other teams competing in the under-14 boys competitive division are the Oakland Jaguars, Rockridge Sting, Real Atletico and the Thunder Monkeys.

There are other age divisions within the league and other leagues, including some adult leagues, competing in the Bay Area.

And the competition can get intense.

Before leaving for Anaheim, the Blackhaws I scrimmaged against the under-19 Avispas (the Spanish word for "Wasps") at Berkeley's James Kenney Recreation Center.

(Though nobody kept score, both teams appeared well prepared for the nationals.)

Like the Blackhaws, the Avispas competed for an age-

group title in Anaheim. Though the team made up of former Berkeley High players does not compete in a league, the U.S. Futsal Federation extended it an invitation, nonetheless. And when the Avispas got to Anaheim, they added former Berkeley High teammate Kamani Hill, a national-level outdoor player now at UCLA.

Though the Blackhaws and Avispas displayed much energy, the action got even more intense when a group of Brazilian adults took the floor afterward.

Despite the intensity, fast pace and the sizzling shots, skill remains the key to futsal success.

"It's a finesse game, not a power game," Bloom says. "That's why I enjoy coaching it." Futsal is exciting and action-packed. It's great for developing skill for the outdoor game as well.

"A lot of kids like it better than they like soccer," Bloom says. Just don't play it in your sala.

## 'Hawks fifth at nationals

By Mike McGreehan  
STAFF WRITER

The Oakland-Alameda Futsal League Blackhaws scored 11 goals and gave up eight in four games to take third place in their flight and fifth place overall in under-14 boys competition at the U.S. Futsal National Championship, held July 14-17 in Anaheim.

The Blackhaws — competing in the Red Flight — got the tournament off to a rousing start with a 5-4 win over eventual second-place finishers 91 Lonestars of Texas.

Continuing in group play, the Blackhaws returned to action the next day to post a 3-0 win over the Homecourts of Henderson, Nev.

Good fortune would not continue for the Blackhaws, however, as they lost 2-1 to Cruz Azul Blue of San Francisco later that day.

The loss seriously damaged the Blackhaws' hopes of advancing to the championship final, which pitted the top two finishers in each flight. Nonetheless, the team remained confident as it entered the last game within its flight on July 16, needing at least an eight-goal margin of victory against New England Futsal.

Instead, all the Blackhaws could manage was a 2-2 draw.

For both teams, the game lost its flow when a New England player went down with a dislocated hip two minutes into the second half. Play stopped for 45 minutes as the injured player first waited for a nurse, and then an ambulance to take him to the hospital. Neither team found its rhythm again when play resumed.

With a record of 2-1-1, the Blackhaws' tournament had ended.

"We dominated every team we played but just couldn't score," Blackhaws coach Jim Bloom said.

Still, the Blackhaws fared much better than their fellow OAFU team, the Jaguars, who struggled in under-14 boys play. The Jaguars lost all four of their Blue Flight games, getting outscored by a composite 38-7 in the process.

New Jersey's LSTS Academy, the top team in the Blue Flight, eventually won the title, with the

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## They love to fish, even if all they catch is weeds

For some anglers at Lafayette and San Pablo Reservoirs, it's all about relaxing and escaping the noise and the troubles

By Curtis Pashelka  
STAFF WRITER

Johnny Buck casts the line about 15 yards into the dark, murky water off a dock at Lafayette Reservoir and slowly reels the line back in. When the hook finally breaks the surface, all that's attached is a few inches of weeds.

Buck unhooks the slimy, green matter, casts the line out

again and brings it back.

More weeds.

The exercise is repeated two more times before the gray-haired Buck sits down and lights up a Marlboro while his son, Marcus, takes a shot. The 15-year-old doesn't have much luck either, losing two lures that become tangled up in the weeds.

"Geez, Marc, that's two," Buck says with a laugh. "How many do we have left?"

Still, their complaints are few. It's a gorgeous morning with blue skies, a slight breeze and spectacular views of the rolling Lamorinda hills.

"You get to come out here on a nice day and get away from it

all," says the 52-year-old Buck, who has fished for nearly 45 years. "There's a lot of pretty babes out here, too."

A number of anglers feel the same way, at least about the fishing.

Conditions at Lafayette and San Pablo reservoirs during the summer months are hardly ideal for fishing, with the warmer water making it more difficult to catch most species. But that's not much of a deterrent for most casual anglers.

They go to spend time with friends and family — or to escape from friends and family. They go to get a break from work. For some people, it's the best reason

to get up each day.

"Everything's so peaceful and clean, and everyone you run into is really friendly," said retired Pinole resident Hitomu Shinagawa. "You get to know a lot of the people you see, and those are the type of things that keep you coming back."

It certainly isn't the fishing, at least not on this hot July morning. Shinagawa is one of three anglers on the dock in front of the San Pablo Reservoir's visitors center who have been here for nearly two hours without getting so much as a nibble.

That's obviously not always



MARC DUFFENSTAFF

ALAMO'S Walter Fletcher waits for a nibble on his line at San Pablo Reservoir. Fletcher says he really doesn't care if he catches anything.

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# Futsal's rich history began in Uruguay; sport keeps growing

For those unfamiliar with futsal, or five-a-side soccer, the game takes place on a court 27-46 yards long by 16-27 yards wide. Goals are 3 meters (10 feet) wide by 2 meters (roughly 6 1/2 feet) high. A game consists of 20-minute halves. Each team is allowed one timeout per half. And balls going beyond the sideline are put back in play by a kick-in, rather than the throw-in employed in outdoor soccer.

According to the U.S. Futsal Federation Web site, Juan Carlos Ceriani of Montevideo, Uruguay, devised the game in 1930 (the year of the first outdoor World Cup, which took place in Uruguay).

Futsal's popularity spread. Today, the sport has a strong East Bay connection, as Berkeley's Alex Para is both president of the U.S. Futsal Federation and administrator for the Oakland-Alameda Futsal League.

The U.S. Futsal National Championship, played July 14-17 in Anaheim, featured men's and women's competition in divisions ranging from under-10 to over-35 and open. East Coast teams were said to be especially intense, though a number of California squads were expected to hold their own.

Futsal was around long before it became popular in the United States. Brazilians have come to dominate futsal as much as they have the sport's outdoor cousin. In fact, some of Brazil's greatest soccer stars — Pele, Zico, Socrates and Ronaldo among

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them — developed their skills in futsal. It's a game of both precision and anticipation.

"In futsal, the good players are two passes ahead of the ball," says Jim Bloom coach of the Blackhaws, an OAFU under-14 boys team that competed at the nationals.

Like other sports, futsal has endured its growing pains. Brazil won the first world championship in 1982 when *Federacion Internacional de Futbol de Salon* (FIFUSA) governed the sport. In 1989, futsal received official recognition from soccer's world governing body, *Federacion Internationale de Football Association* (FIFA). FIFUSA, now known as *Asociacion Mundial de Futbol* (AMF), remains active as a splinter group.

Politics aside, the first FIFA World Futsal Championship took place in 1989. Brazil won the first three titles but now has competition as Spain won in 2000 and again last year. Up and coming futsal powers include Iran, which won its seventh consecutive Asian championship in June.

The best showing for a U.S. national team at the worlds was a silver medal at Hong Kong in 1992. That team featured **Fernando Clavijo**, a veteran of both outdoor and the better-known six-a-side indoor game who went on to play in the 1994 World

Cup and was this year elected to the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Current MetroStars defender **Jeff Agoos**, formerly of the Earthquakes, also was on that team. The United States also won a bronze in 1989.

Six-a-side indoor soccer, by the way — the game played in a hockey rink and normally seen on TV — is not recognized by FIFA.

"When FIFA decided to have a game to play indoors, it asked, 'What do people have more of,'" Para recalls, "hockey rinks, basketball courts, or in Europe, team handball courts?" People have a lot more of the latter two.

Though top soccer players excelled in futsal, the latter sport has developed its own stars. Brazil's **Manoel Tobias** led all scorers at the 1996 and 2000 FIFA World Championships. Top scorer for the 2004 tournament, held in Chinese Taipei in late November-early December, was Brazil's **Falcão** (not to be confused with the Brazilian outdoor star of the '70s and '80s).

"There are more registered futsal players in Brazil than soccer players," Para adds.

Para also says that futsal will be part of the sports lineup at the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Futsal. A popular sport continues to grow.

—Mike McGreehan

## Blackhawks

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91 Lonestars taking silver. Third place went to San Jose-based MACSA (Mexican American Community Services Agency).

In other action, the Avispas — an under-19 men's team made up of Berkeley High School graduates — earned bronze medals in their age group.

Like the Blackhawks, the Avispas got off to a strong start, with an 8-5 win over the Latino Stars of Massachusetts. Losses of 2-1 to MACSA and 4-2 to San Francisco FC followed. MACSA wound up winning the title with San Francisco FC second.

Elsewhere, the Bay Oaks Soccer Club sent two women's teams

to Anaheim. In open competition, the Bay Oaks Gold went 1-3, scoring just six goals in four matches.

The Bay Oaks' other team, however, fared much better by bringing home silver medals in under-19 competition.

In group play, the Oaks under-19 women's team enjoyed wins against three fellow California teams. After opening with a 1-0 win against Stanislaus United, the Oaks beat Lady Atlas 3-2 and MACSA 3-0 to advance to the final. There, the Oaks lost 4-2 to Lealta of Illinois.

In open competition, the Bay Oaks Gold lost 3-2 to Lealta of Illinois, 3-1 to the Southern California Futsal Academy and 2-1 to the El Paso Eagles of Texas. The Gold's only win was a 2-1 victory over Stanislaus FC

on July 16. The Alameda Contra Costa Mavericks were represented in the under-12 boys division by the Magic, which went 1-1-1.

Eventual champion MACSA Blue defeated the Mavericks Magic 8-0 in the opener, but the Magic bounced back for a 5-4 win over Manchester FC of Southern California the next day. The Magic completed its tournament with a 3-3 draw against New England Futsal.

Another Mavericks team went winless in three under-12 girls matches. Those Mavericks opened with a 5-0 loss to the New Bedford Pitbulls of Massachusetts. Losses of 5-1 to Arlington Premier of Virginia and 6-0 to Futsal Fantastic Red of Southern California followed.

**Sandlots 1; Sting Gold 4, Pleasant Hill Panthers 4; Danville Dynamite 7, Sting Gold 4:** In the first game, pitcher Moore hurled a one-hitter, striking out 12 batters. Cove's infield single led off the first and Moore drove her in with a shot up the middle. Later in the inning, Smith drove in Daniels and Jauregui with a sharp hit over second. Jenna Guffy led off the third with a triple over the right fielder's head, and Jauregui drove her in.

In the second game, the Panthers scored four runs in the first, but Sting pitcher Baker held them for the rest of the game as the Sting battled back with four runs of their own, tying the Panthers in the final inning. Baker opened the inning with a walk. Moore singled. Guffy lined a double down the third-base line, scoring Baker and Moore. After Guffy stole third, Daniels drove her in, and later scored herself.

In the third game, Sting Gold battled Danville's early lead. Cove drove in Jauregui, and Moore drove in Smith and Robinson with a line double up the middle. Veronica Timpane blasted an RBI double down the third-base line, but it was not enough to overcome the Dynamite's lead.

**San Bruno Storm 8, Sting Blue 1; Sting Blue 16, Campbell Crush 0; Sting Blue 4, Livermore Smoke 3; Sting Blue 15, Calaveras Sliders 1; Sting Blue 2, Half Moon Bay Waves 1; San Carlos Force 5, Sting Blue 2:** After a slow first game, the Sting Blue rebounded with a smashing victory in the second game that featured eight strikeouts from Isabel Lubin-Brown and hitting from everyone. In the first inning, Sting Blue scored two runs on singles from Jordan Baker and Marielle Cohen. In the second, Sting Blue broke open the floodgates with RBI hits by Mackenzie Giblin, Cory Labov, Anansa Ridley, Lubin-Brown, Anna Moore, Baker, and Clara Obstfeld. Sasha Kramer scored the ninth run of the inning on Lia Rosenfeld's RBI single. In the third, the Blue scored another five runs to seal the victory.

The third-game nail-biter showcased pitcher Kramer against a tough Livermore team. She had three strikeouts in the first inning. Teammates Moore and Baker scored on a double by Lubin-Brown. In the third inning, the Smoke tied the score and had the bases loaded when Kramer got a pop-up to Giblin in center, then held the Smoke with another clutch strike-

out. Lubin-Brown singled, stole two bases and scored on Giblin's single, putting the Sting up by one. In the top of the fifth the Blue had 10 minutes left to win the game. Lubin-Brown led off with a single. Cohen moved her to third and took second on the throw. Obstfeld then calmly rapped the ball to short and Lubin-Brown slid home with the winning run.

The next day began with a big win over Calaveras, a game that featured hits from everyone in the lineup and five strikeouts from pitcher Kramer. Moore, Lubin-Brown, Baker and Marielle Cohen all scored two or more runs. Obstfeld, Giblin, Labov and Rosenfeld all contributed RBI in the third inning.

The day's second game was an epic Sting 10-under battle, with Lubin-Brown holding the Waves to one run over nine innings in 100-plus degree heat. In the pitchers' duel, Baker led off with a single, stole second, went to third on Lubin-Brown's single, and scored on an overthrow error by the Waves.

International runs on extra-inning games call for starting with a runner on second. No one scored until the ninth, when Brooke Tannahill scored from second on a hit by Anansa Ridley, who was brought home when Baker and Cohen ripped singles into the outfield. Ridley later ended the game by grabbing a sizzling liner to right.

Sting Blue was eliminated in the third game but finished third overall in the 20-team tournament.

In the second inning, Giblin walked, stole second and third, then scored on Rosenfeld's RBI single. Ridley was hit by a pitch but stayed in the game, went to second on Baker's sacrifice, advanced to third on the throw, then scored on Lubin-Brown's ground out to first base. Pitcher Kramer had five strikeouts before Lubin-Brown entered at pitcher in the fourth inning. In the last inning Labov walked and stole second, threatening another Sting comeback, but the weary Sting batters could not find any more pop in their bats.

## FISHING REPORT

### PACIFIC OCEAN

Robert Gallia of the charter boat El Dorado said the Berkeley salmon fleet endured windy and foggy conditions along the coastal fishing areas between Double Point and the Channel Buoys. The Berkeley Moolching fleet averaged a fish a rod. The windy conditions continued through Monday afternoon but calmed down Tuesday when they located a new school of big fish northwest of Buoy 1. The average scores were over a fish and half a rod to limits. For more information, visit [www.berkeley-marine.org](http://www.berkeley-marine.org).

James Smith of the charter boat California Dawn has had a very good week of pollock fishing, starting Saturday when anglers came back from the Marin coast with 230 rockfish, 15 ling cod (including a 30-pounder from Modesto's Jeremy Rollins) and 24 striped bass. They caught another 30-pound ling cod on Sunday. On Monday they had 340 rockfish, 15 ling cod and 33 striped bass, and on Tuesday they had 270 rockfish, 28 ling cod, 81 Pacific mackerel and six halibut fishing near the Farallon Islands. That day, Concord's Ted Hooper caught a 33-pound halibut. On Wednesday they caught 20 limits of rock cod, 20 halibut, eight ling cod and one snapper. Smith said the good tides and good weather have led to excellent fishing.

### THE BAYS

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Craig Stone of Emeryville Sportfishing said the Bay Area salmon fleet has split its time between here and the Farallon Islands. Out in the ocean, scores ranged from less than a fish per rod up to limits for a few boats. On Tuesday out of Emeryville, three boats reported in with collectively 40 salmon to 34 pounds for their combined 40 anglers aboard, with most of the fish ranging from 15-30 pounds.

The potluck trips have been focusing on rockfish and striped bass over the last week. On Tuesday out of Emeryville, two boats reported in with collectively 370 rockfish, also adding 28 ling cod to 25 pounds, and 24 striped bass to 15 pounds for their combined 37 anglers aboard.

**SUISUN:** Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait and Tackle reported fair fishing for the last week. Grass shrimp, eel and anchovies were successful as Buoy's 2 and 4 produced sturgeon. Smaller tides are expected over the next week, which may make fishing easier. Also, the wind in front of the harbor has been bad, but conditions on the east side of the Benicia Bridge are much calmer.

Catching sturgeon were Jerry Schenbri of Yuba City (47.5 inches, 24.5 pounds) on grass shrimp at Buoy 4 and Mike Wagner of Martinez (71 1/2 inches, 91.2 pounds) at Buoy 2 on eel. Tim Greenlee of Martinez caught a 40-inch, 13-pound striped just outside of the Martinez marina on anchovies.

### THE RIVERS

**SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING:** Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said fly fishing and drifting for rainbow trout are very good with plenty of 2-6 pounders being had. Anglers are using Pheasant tail Nos. 14-16 and Micro Mayfly Nymphs. There's a

great bug hatch happening now with more warm weather expected this week. Spin fishing is good, with anglers using glo bugs and crickets.

### THE DELTA

David Dutra of Gotcha! Bait and Tackle in Antioch said catfish action is good at Holland Tract, Orwood's Resort, Big Break and Whiskey Slough with anglers using clams, mackerel and night-crawlers. Black bass can be had at Sherman Lake, Big Break, Frank's Tract, Holland Tract, Bethel Island and Discovery Bay on crankbait, spinner baits, minnows and nightcrawlers. Bluegill can be had in Discovery Bay, Frank's Tract and Holland Tract on wax worms and red worms. Stripper and sturgeon are being caught at the Big and Little Cut on grass shrimp, ghost shrimp and pile worms.

Ulises Reynoso of Pittsburg caught a 7-pound black bass on Rat-L-Trap at Holland Tract, Dave Allen and Scott and Mark Swan of Concord combined to catch a 72-pound, 70-inch sturgeon on herring at Chain Island, and Matt Mead and Ismael Marquez caught a 7.5-pound, 26-inch striped at Humphrey's Pier on clams.

### THE LAKES

**LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY:** The staff at Lake Chabot said trout fishing remains slow with just a couple reported this past week. Experienced anglers caught trout in the deeper sections of the lake toward the dam. Look for better trout fishing conditions when the water cools down. Bass fishing remains steady from last week with many smallish ones being caught all over the lake with plastics worms, live worms and crank bait. Some bigger bass were caught by Bass Cove and Alder Point.

Catfish action slowed down from prior weeks. A couple limits were pulled out of Honker Bay and Bass Cove with chicken liver the best bait to use. After an expected catfish plank of 500 pounds later this week, the first dock will keep many anglers busy. A sliding sinker setup will probably be the best bet. Tony Schwarber of Castro Valley landed a 15.56-pound catfish using mackerel at Bass Cove.

**LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD:** The staff at Los Vaqueros said timing and mobility are the keys to catching trout right now. The bite from 6-8 a.m. is close to fall conditions. But when the air (and eventually water) heats up, look out. Fish the South Cove, Oak Point and the Rock Wall (check the bass conditions). PowerBait plus attractant (that's the key) seems to be the hot ticket. Just outside the boom or along the eastern shoreline are great places to start trolling for trout. There's a nice run starting at the point directly across from the Marina and heading north along the shoreline to the next cove's opening. Limits on silver lures and flashers have been reported there.

The bass will strike hard early on as aggressive crankbaits seem to do the trick. Rat-L-Trap are working also. Oak Point is a happening spot for trout and is located right next to the Rock Wall, which offers a lot of cover for bass.

Larry DeWallace of Livermore caught and released a 3.8-pound catfish on a Rat-L-Trap near the Rock Wall, Mike

Taylor caught a 13-pound catfish on jig in Peninsula Cove. Paul Jensen released a 7.31-pound rainbow trout in Peninsula Cove on a nightcrawler-marshmallow combination, and Conura caught a 6.23-pound rainbow trout near the Dam on a Rapala.

**LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE:** The staff at Lake Del Valle said trout fishing is good, get a new pair of good hiking shoes and waders. The trout tend to act more skittish here than in the shallow waters where they tend to be more predictable. Catchable fish. Rainbow trout are the safe pick and should yield positive results.

Heat equals tired bass. In the last week, present something new to try in the morning and then move into something a little slower in the day and work your way into the late afternoon. It's been a fun and, so bass anglers should have plenty of good fights right now.

For catfish, look for steady some chicken liver and hold on. Aren't ripping the rods out of your hands. But the catfish bite is slow. The real fun is to go to the lake in the late afternoon and

**SAN PABLO RESERVOIR:** The staff at San Pablo Reservoir said those seeking trout need to walk far, as the Marina has been the spot to visit. The tradition of anglers here seems to have some interest from the fish and to a better than expected time of year. Early morning is the best time. Don't get fancy with bait as that neutron green flasher has been by won't do the trick. Use PowerBait and add an attractant can. Trolling for trout is a solid bet. The early morning hours, but it can be difficult. Knowing how deep the key, and the ability to adjust the key with each pass is even more important. Troll spoons with multiple colors add some lightweight flashers.

For bass, get to know California anyone else does and fish it accordingly. There are a lot of techniques or that seem to be working, but day may be the most important. The bass seem to be hitting in the morning or late afternoon. Spots are rental docks are good choices and especially handy since they are reached by foot. The big bass were caught on plastic worms. Matt Tordog of Hayward caught a 11-pound, 11-ounce largemouth bass in Canyon on a plastic worm.

Catfish are king right now. They are coming in from all over the lake. They are biting on chicken liver and eel near the Tower, in Scow Bay, and even near the Main Rec Area. A handful of 20 pounders have been caught this year as well as a number 15-20 pounders. Ronnie Cheung of Richmond caught a 12-pound catfish at the Main Rec Area on PowerBait.

—Compiled by Curtis

## Softball

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to earn a place in the final but lost the title game to take second place in the 12-team tournament.

On the first day, Sting Blue opened with a 13-0 no-hit victory over the Santa Rosa Victory Gold. Sting Blue then beat Petaluma Steel Breeze by the same score, invoking the mercy rule for the second straight game, ending the contest after only three innings. A close victory over the scrappy San Anselmo Storm ended the day. The opening day's strong showing allowed Sting Blue to enter the next day's single-elimination round as the No. 1 seed. First to succumb were the West County Renegades. Sting Blue then faced San Anselmo for the second time, winning easily again, to reach the finals against the tournament's only other undefeated team.

In the title game, Sting Blue jumped out to an early 2-0 lead. San Bruno answered with three runs in the top of the second and never looked back.

Sting Blue takes its 17-6 season record and moves on to the Amateur Softball Association Western National Tournament, Aug. 1-7 in Mt. Vernon, Wash.

### 10-UNDER

**Sting Gold 12, Santa Rosa Victory 3:** Pitcher Kate Moore hurled a one-hitter, striking out 10 batters. Leadoff hitter Catherine Cove opened the game with the first of four singles, then stole second and third. Moore drove her in. In the second, Annie Smith and Molly Greene scored on RBI by Cove and Lindsey Baker. Alex Hickey began the third with a shot to left field and Kyle Daniels drove her in. Mia Jauregui then blasted a triple over the left fielder's head, clearing the bases. Katy Robinson drove in Jauregui with a sharp grounder, and Cove notched another RBI as she knocked in Smith. Moore led off the fourth with a booming triple. Hickey drove her in with a single, and later scored on Jauregui's scorching grounder. Moore capped an outstanding day with her second triple, scoring Cove and Baker. Hickey notched the final RBI of the game when she drove in Moore with a grounder.

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## Fishing

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the case. Shinagawa said that during the early spring when trout season is at its peak, anglers are sometimes "standing shoulder to shoulder" along the shoreline.

On this day, however, good fishing is taking a back seat to serenity. Barely a sound is heard, save for the sound of lures being dropped into the water.

"Nobody gets too stressed out when they're out here," said Clarence Harrison, 44, of Pittsburg, who works with youths and young adults at Job Corps in San Francisco. "Even if you're not catching any fish, it beats being at work or in traffic."

The peaceful atmosphere may be replaced by a dry lake bed and the sound of heavy machinery in the coming years, as the reservoir may have to be drained because of seismic concerns.

A study released in October indicated that if a major earthquake occurred along the Hayward fault, the San Pablo Dam would slump, allowing water to flow over the top and resulting in flooding downstream.

Fixing the problem may mean draining the reservoir so seismic work can be done. But Charles Hardy, a spokesman for the East Bay Municipal Utility District, said any definitive plan of action is still a "a couple years away."

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The future of San Pablo Reservoir is the furthest thing from the mind of 10-year-old Gregory Jeffus, who wears an ear-to-ear smile as he's about to take a boat out to the center of the lake with his dad, Greg.

Greg Jeffus, 43, hadn't been out to San Pablo Reservoir in nearly 30 years when he and a friend came out recently.

"It looks pretty much the same," the Richmond resident said. "My son wanted to try fishing, so we decided to see what we can catch."

Greg finished the paperwork required for fishing licenses and went down to the dock to grab the keys to the boat. Before long, he and his son were out in the middle of the water, searching for a spot on the lake where they might find a few trout.

"There has been a drop in the amount of people that come out," said George Haynes, who has worked at the reservoir for six years. "There's still a few who come out every week, and you get to know them really well. But there has been a steady decline."

Buck and his son are among the few people fishing at Lafayette Reservoir on this particular Thursday afternoon. And

after staying in the same place nearly three hours, they're nearly out of the water.

"I don't think about anything else when I'm out here," Buck said. "I don't think about work, not that I think about anything when I'm not there. I try not to think about my wife's going through a hard."

Buck's wife was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year, said she recently had surgery, which left a foot-long scar in the middle of her chest. Buck hoped that the cancer was tested early.

"Cancer. God, I hate that word," Buck said. "I was a wreck (on the day surgery). They had to cut a lot. I just hope they caught it."

After a few more minutes, Johnny and Marcus had had enough. They packed up gear and headed toward a spot on the shoreline.

They walk past the women jogging on the trail before long, they're out of the hills, and each other.

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## NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. Reviewers include Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler, Chris Hewitt, Steven Rea and Bruce Canine, Knight Ridder; Bruce Newman, San Jose Mercury News; David Press, Anita Gates, Dave Kehr, Laura Kevs, A.O. Scott and Dana Strauss, New York Times; Jami Bernard and Jack Matthews, New York Daily News; David Kronke, Bob Strauss, Glenn Whip, Los Angeles Times; Carina Chocano, Kevin Crust, Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Ed Bark, Nancy Churnin, Gary Dowell, Tom Mastrand, Chris Vogner, Philip Wyant and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Carla Meyer, Sacramento Bee; Ty Burr, Wesley Morris, Boston Globe; Ann Hornaday, Stephen Hunter, Michael O'Sullivan, Desson Thomson, Washington Post.

**"BAD NEWS BEARS":** A new version of the classic 1976 Walter Matthau film, which needs to be rewatched by every generation, not remade. Billy Bob Thornton is a good choice to replace old Matthau's shoes as the misanthropic gruff Morris Buttermaker, and the casting of the kids is almost all first-rate, with the exception of comical Kane Kraft in the Tatum O'Neal role. The original was both crude and funny, but the humor in director Richard Linklater's version leans on the brink of bad taste: very "Red Santa" (in which Thornton also starred). — M. Pols. (PG-13: rude behavior, language throughout; some sexuality, thematic elements.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. B-

**"BATMAN BEGINS":** Director Christopher Nolan supplies the backstory behind not just the Batmobile, but the very psyche of the Caped Crusader. The story starts slowly and importantly gets bogged down in psychological drive before turning into a very dark and fun action movie. Christian Bale is a natural, just weird enough to be the best Batman yet, and the strong supporting cast includes a lovely turn by Michael Caine as the trusted butler Alfred, as well as Morgan Freeman as gadget man Lucius Fox. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense action violence, disturbing images

and some thematic elements.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. B+  
**"THE BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY":** Life in postwar South Vietnam wasn't very good for most people. But it was particularly hard for the children of American servicemen. This film charts the course of one such young man (played by newcomer Damien Nguyen) with sensitivity, some generic hand-wringing and, ultimately, a gentle steeliness. It's one of those specific stories that touches universal notes all the way along. — B. Strauss. (R: violence, children in jeopardy, racism, drug use, sexuality.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. B

**"BEWITCHED":** Disappointing, but what did we expect? The sitcom it's based on was magic in its own time, and though director Nora Ephron, who also doctored the script, tries to inject new energy, she's defeated by a plot that has nowhere to go. Moreover, Nicole Kidman, channeling Meg Ryan cuteness and doing a breathy Marilyn Monroe voice, is nowhere near as endearing as our beloved Samantha. Will Ferrell has some fun moments. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some language, including sex and drug references, partial nudity.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C

**"THE BEAT THAT MY HEART SKIPPED":** Curiously enough, a French remake of an American film, James Toback's "Fingers," set this time in Paris instead of New York. Roman Duris plays a young slumlord who would prefer to be a concert pianist like his dead mother than a thug like his father (Niels Arndrup). Directed by Jacques Audiard ("Read My Lips"), who has made a more subtle, moving and optimistic film than Toback's original. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 47 minutes. B+

**"CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY":** Tim Burton's take on Roald Dahl's book is darker, stranger and way cooler than the 1971 Gene Wilder cinematic classic. Visually it's all Johnny Depp, a fairy tale come to life. Johnny Depp's Willy Wonka is like a cross between Michael Jackson and Carol Channing, which sounds terrifying, but is instead captivating. A don't-miss summer movie that should live on for decades to come. — M. Pols. (PG: quirky situations, mild language.) 1

hour, 55 minutes. A-

**"CINDERELLA MAN":** An out-of-season treat. Russell Crowe is in Oscar-worthy form as the humble boxer Jim Braddock, who, like Seabiscuit, provided inspiration for Americans during the Depression. The film was directed by Ron Howard, whose interest in inspiring tends to grate. Yes, this is, like "A Beautiful Mind," an inspirational story, but Howard excels in telling of Braddock's gloomier times; that's the material that sticks and, thankfully, it's never maudlin. Paul Giamatti is winning in the role of Braddock's trainer, with Renee Zellweger as the boxer's devoted wife. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense boxing violence, some language.) 2 hours, 22 minutes. A-

**"CRASH":** In the course of 24 hours, a group of Los Angeles residents wrestles with the demons of racism. Writer/director Paul Haggis (screenwriter of "Million Dollar Baby") wants to provoke a serious discourse, a noble goal. But the movie is heavy-handed, and, despite some brilliant scenes and strong acting from a great ensemble, is riddled with mistakes, particularly coincidences that border on the absurd. Ultimately, Haggis insults his audience by assuming he has to instruct us on everything about racism, as if merely to be alive in America today weren't already a primer. Still, flaws and all, well worth seeing. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexual content, some language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B-

**"CRONICAS":** In this sometimes savvy media melodrama, John Leguizamo plays Manolo Bonilla, the charismatic star reporter for a tabloid investigative news show. A swaggering little fame-monger ablaze with ambition, Manolo descends with his producer and cameraman on a dirt-poor Ecuadorian village in time to film an emotional and violent episode. The film explores the ratings-hungry values of tabloid TV, but by the end inches toward the sort of exploitation it condemns. — S. Holden. (R: violence and profanity; in Spanish with subtitles.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C+

**"DARK WATER":** Jennifer Connelly stars as a possibly psychologically disturbed woman who has terrifying real visions involving demonic plumbing fixtures and floods of Coca-Cola-

colored water in her grim apartment building. But her problems run deeper than that. Shortly after mother and daughter move in, Ceci (Ariel Gade) starts having conversations with an imaginary friend. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG-13: language, frightening images, intensity.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B-

**"THE DEVIL'S REJECTS":** Rob Zombie's latest — about a white-trash family of homicidal maniacs — is a deafening, repetitive, gratuitous assault, where victims are tortured and blood is shed, all to a Southern-rock soundtrack. Every other word is a four-letter one. All the women are whores, or they're treated like whores, or they just dress like whores. All this is just Zombie — the heavy-metal star turned writer-director — displaying a lack of effort. — C. Lemire. (R: sadistic violence, strong sexual content, language, drug use.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. D-

**"ENRON: THE SMARTEST GUY IN THE ROOM":** An eye-opening film that puts the whole Enron scandal into focus. One that will likely have you stomping about afterward in righteous indignation at the crimes perpetrated by these corporate swindlers. Cleverly done, too, with a terrific soundtrack. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B+

**"FANTASTIC FOUR":** This big-screen adaptation of the Marvel Comic superhero story line is rarely terrible or memorable. Four astronauts return from space, where they were exposed to cosmic radiation, with new abilities. This film has very little of the epic gravitas or moral complexity that distinguish the best superhero movies. That would be fine if it were an overflowing boatload of fun. But it's not. — C. Vogner. (PG-13: comic book violence, suggestive content.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. C

**"HAPPY ENDINGS":** From director Don Roos ("The Opposite of Sex"), an ensemble dramedy about the reproductive misadventures of a group of connected Angelenos. It's clever and well-acted, but sometimes too precious; Roos relies too much on smarty-pants chapter headings to tell his story. Lisa Kudrow plays an abortion counselor who provides the link between the characters. Tom Arnold is surprisingly touching as a rich guy

## OPENING TODAY

**"MA MERE" (NC-17)**

In this French drama, a mother (Isabelle Huppert) and son have a very unconventional relationship.

**"MUST LOVE DOGS" (PG-13)**

A divorced preschool teacher (Diane Lane) searches for love, with John Cusack as one of her suitors.

**"NINA'S TRAGEDIES" (NR)**

This award-winning Israeli film follows a 14-year-old boy sent to live with his beautiful aunt.

**"NOVEMBER" (R)**

Courteney Cox stars as a photographer trying to unravel the mystery of why her boyfriend was killed.

**"SKY HIGH" (PG)**

A boy attends a high school for super-heroes, but is still waiting for his powers to show up. With Kurt Russell and Kelly Preston as his super-powered parents.

**"STEALTH" (PG-13)**

A squadron of pilots embarks on a mission to stop an out-of-control drone fighter plane that could start a nuclear war. With Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel and Jamie Foxx.

**"THE WARRIOR" (R)**

An enforcer for a rich Indian warlord renounces his life of violence and must flee his former colleagues.

being suckered by a bad girl, played by Maggie Gyllenhaal. — M. Pols. (R: sexual content, language, some drug use.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. B-

**"HERBIE: FULLY LOADED":** Lindsay Lohan plays the famed VW Bug's new owner, Maggie Peyton, a recent college graduate with fantasies of being a NASCAR driver. The film floats by on a pleasant cloud of nostalgia, partly for the lost youth of Lohan, seen here in all her curvy, red-headed loveliness before her recent transformation to blond stick figure. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B-

**"HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE":** This animated film, which boasts emotional depth and mind-bending visuals, is mostly for adults. But by all means take the kids, even though they may have a hard time following the plot. The Wizard Howl (Christian Bale) lives in an ambulatory home with a door that opens into any number of exits, including both sides of an ominously brewing war. Along the way, Howl's harem picks up a straggler, Sophie (Emily Mortimer), a youngster transformed into an elderly woman who manages to help end the war, and reclaim Howl's lost soul and her own innocence. Other voice artists include Lauren Bacall and Billy Crystal. — D. Kronke. (PG: frightening images, brief mild language.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. B+

**"HUSTLE & FLOW":** Memphis pimp DJay Terrence Howard, in a career-making performance) dreams of becoming a rap star like his childhood acquaintance (Ludacris). DJay's talent is questionable and his goals unrealistic, but writer/director Craig Brewer sucks us into this world with ease. The marvelous supporting characters include Anthony Anderson and DJ Qualls as fledgling music producers and Taryn Manning and Taraji P. Henson as hookers. Brewer chokes on the predictable ending, but the ride there is so good, it hardly matters. — M. Pols. (R: sex, drug content, pervasive language and some violence.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. B+

**"THE ISLAND":** The stuff summer movies are made of — big, trashy and overdone, the perfect project for director Michael Bay. But the plot of this science-fiction thriller is engaging. Ewan McGregor is quite good as a man who learns the terrible truth about his reason for existing, and in the end, this is escapism at its limited but entertaining best. Scarlett Johansson is the love interest. — M. Pols. (R: sex and drug content, pervasive language, some violence.) 2 hours, 7 minutes. B

**"LAST DAYS":** Gus Van Sant's latest is a pretentious yet oddly riveting look at the end of Kurt Cobain's life. The lead character is named Blake, but it's the late Nirvana lead singer and the mystery surrounding his suicide are clearly the inspiration. With Michael Pitt ("The Dreamers") as the singer. — C. Lemire. (R: language, some sexual content.) 1 hour, 37 min-

utes. C

**"LILA SAYS":** Chimo, the young Arab Frenchman in director Ziad Doueiri's romantic drama, tells us his life is changed when he meets Lila, a blond sexpot who is "hot enough to provoke wars." In this respect, Doueiri's second movie recalls the naughtily-mindedness of 1993's "West Beirut," his earlier and much better coming-of-age yarn. Otherwise, this is an underdeveloped exercise in carnal awakening that thinks its characters are far more special than they ever prove to be. — W. Morris. (Not rated: strong sexual situations; in French with subtitles.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. C-

**"MADAGASCAR":** DreamWorks' latest computer-animation suffers from narrative and character malnutrition, but has enough wordplay, visual gags and character nonsense to keep us chuckling and occasionally roaring. A hippo, giraffe and lion give chase when their friend Marty the zebra (Chris Rock) escapes the Central Park Zoo. They wind up washed ashore on a tropical island, where they befriend a tribe of partying lemurs and face Alex the lion's emerging carnivorous instincts. — R. Butler. (PG: mild language, crude humor and some thematic elements.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. C+

**"MAD HOT BALLROOM":** This documentary follows several teams of pre-adolescent student dancers from New York as they train for the nerve-racking competition that caps the American Ballroom Theater's "Dancing Classrooms" program. There is inherent drama built into any contest, and the filmmakers make the most of the fact — without milking it for cheap sentiment — that there will not just be winners, but losers. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG: some mild references to sex and violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

**"MARCH OF THE PENGUINS":** A stunningly beautiful documentary about the mating habits of Emperor penguins. Makes you feel like a kid again — curious, excited and enraptured by a story that has nothing to do with humans, not to mention Morgan Freeman narrating in his soothing, rich-as-caramel voice. The only unfortunate aspect is the way director Luc Jacquet anthropomorphizes the birds, incorporating human ideals of love into the screenplay. It's unnecessary; the remarkable story of the penguins can more than stand alone. Still, this is the perfect family movie. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 20 minutes. B+

**"ME AND YOU AND EVERYONE WE KNOW":** A deliberately quirky romance about a sad-sack divorced shoe salesman (John Hawkes) and the video performance artist (Miranda July) who falls for him. Equal attention is paid to story lines involving his children and their friends, which infuses the movie with charm and comedy. July writes and directs as well, and she's a considerable talent, es-

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## FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Showtimes for Friday July 29

## Alameda County

**Act 1 and 2**  
 1000 Center Street, Berkeley 510-464-5980  
**Ma Mère** (Not Rated) 7, 9, 30  
**Me and You and Everyone We Know** (R) 11, 8, 40

## Albany Twin

1155 Albany Ave., Albany 510-464-5980  
**The Beautiful Country** (R) 2, 5, 8, 10  
**War of the Penguins** 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 10, 10:15

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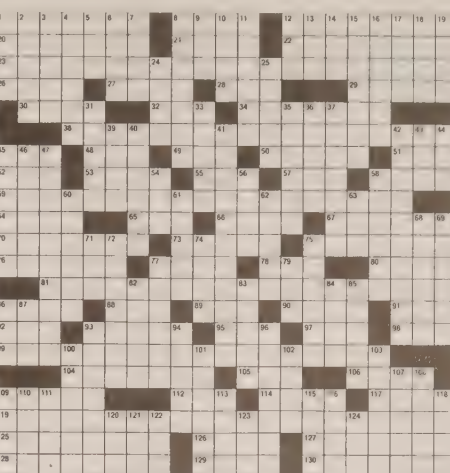
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## SPECIAL EXHIBITS

"Liberty on the Border: A Civil War Exhibit," through Sept. 11. An exhibit exploring non-military life in the border regions between North and South during the Civil War. The exhibit features artifacts, archival documents, broadsides, ephemera, lithographs and photographs.

"Trying to Find My Way Home: A Black Male Speaks of the Father," through Sept. 24. An exhibit of large-scale mixed-media works by Milton Bownas that explore the stereotypes and urban myths associated with the absent African-American male, the separation of the family and the consequences for the community.

Free, Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland. (510) 637-0200 or <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/index.html>

ALAMEDA MUSEUM — The museum offers permanent displays of

Alameda history, the only museum gallery showcasing local artists and student artwork, as well as historical artifacts, books and videotape the rich history of the island.

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BADH MUSEUM AT THE PAUL SCHOOL OF RELIGION — The museum's collections include the en-Nasbeh Collection, containing artifacts excavated from Tell en-Nasbeh in Palestine in 1928 and the William Badh, and the William Badh Collection, featuring approximately 300 rare books (primarily dating from the 15th through the 18th centuries).

"Wholly Grace," through Sept. 11, solo exhibit of clay works by William Badh.

Free, Tuesday and Thursday, a.m. to 3 p.m. Holbrook Hall, School of Religion, 1788 University Ave., Berkeley. (510) 848-0528 or <http://bade.psr.edu/bade>

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## Reviews

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pecially when it comes to getting naturalistic performances out of children. However, some may find her style too precious, and others will (rightly) challenge the tastefulness of a subplot involving Internet sex chat. — M. Pols. (R: disturbing sexual content involving children, and for language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

"MR. & MRS. SMITH": Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie face off in this high-gloss, high-caliber domestic squabble. Husband and wife are both assassins, but it's only after John Smith tries to kill the same bad guy his wife is gunning for that they learn each other's secret. The great screen chemistry between Pitt and Jolie and the movie's treatment of marriage as the ultimate form of combat makes it the entertaining bauble it is. — B. Newman. (PG-13: violence, sex, partial nudity.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B

"MURDERBALL": The ferocity of competition in this gripping sports documentary on wheelchair rugby trumps anything you'll find on reality TV. A synthesis of basketball, hockey and rugby, the sport is played by quadriplegic men, many disabled by catastrophic accidents during the prime of life. Based on a magazine article by Dana Adam Shapiro, who co-directed the movie, "Murderball" is almost as tough as the relentlessly combative players it profiles. — S. Holden. (R: abundant profanity and frank sex talk.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. A-

"MY SUMMER OF LOVE": A rich girl and a working-class girl from Yorkshire spend a steamy summer falling in love. We know this coming-of-age story likely won't result in a happily-ever-after, but the joy in Pawel Paw-

likowski's film is in the unpredictable performances of the luminous Sissy Spacek look-alike Natalie Press as the tough Yorkshire teen and the haughty Emily Blunt as the privileged Tamsin. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality, language and some drug use.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. B+

"RIZE": A documentary about the evolution of a dance form in South Central Los Angeles. Spawned by the Rodney King riots, "clowning" and its offshoot, "krumping," are aggressive, angry, sexual and phenomenally energetic. But fashion photographer David LaChapelle treats it too superficially, leaving unanswered questions about its practitioners in favor of long stretches of nothing more than recorded movement. — M. Pols. (PG-13: suggestive content, drug references, language and brief nudity.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B-

"SARABAND": Ingmar Bergman has failed to make good on his promise to retire for close to 20 years now, and aren't we grateful. A very tangential sequel to "Scenes From a Marriage," the movie is a chamber piece in which the couple from the 1973 film and TV series, Liv Ullmann's Marianne and Erland Josephson's Johan, concede most of the emotional spotlight to younger generations. As ever with Bergman, it is the actors' faces that leave the most indelible impressions. — B. Strauss. (R: nudity, language; in Swedish with subtitles.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. A

"A SIDEWALK ASTRONOMER": This inspiring film about an inspired teacher follows John Dobson, inventor of the Dobsonian telescope mount, which revolutionized astronomy by making powerful and inexpensive telescopes available to amateur stargazers. At 89, Dobson calls himself a cosmologist rather than an

astronomer, saying he is interested not only in the stars but also in "the whole ball of wax." — D. Stevens. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 18 minutes. B+

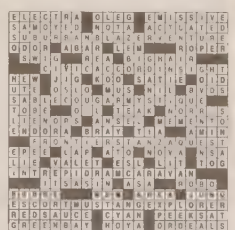
"SIN CITY": Shot in black-and-white, this movie springs off the screen just as the noir comic books by Frank Miller it is adapted from. So visually exciting that you can't turn away, even when all that's happening on-screen is the relentless reduction of skull and brain matter into pulp. So cool it could almost give you frostbite. Star-studded, but also deliberately offensive, pointless and emotionally hollow; it's about nothing at all, serving only as a celebration of violence. — M. Pols. (R: extreme violence, language, sexuality.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. B-

"SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS": It may sound like a cousin to "The Ya-Ya Sisterhood," but this "Sisterhood" is much better. Based on the popular teen novel of the same name, it stars Alexis Bledel (of "Gilmore Girls") and others as four dear friends who share a pair of jeans that magically fits them all. The movie confronts issues young people can relate to: image anxiety, melding families in the age of divorce and how cynicism hampers the heart. — M. Pols. (PG: thematic elements, some sensuality, language.) 2 hours, B+

"STAR WARS: EPISODE III — REVENGE OF THE SITH": To see George Lucas finally knit together his six-part "Star Wars" saga is an unexpectedly moving experience. He's still clumsy in the human interaction department, and Anakin Skywalker's (Hayden Christensen) transition to the dark side is a little quick, but we feel it. May be too sad and disturbing for youngsters. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sci-fi violence, intense images.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. B

"WAR OF THE WORLDS": Steven Spielberg revisits aliens, but this time they aren't cute and cuddly, they just want to suck our blood. Tom Cruise plays a divorced dad whose weekend with his sullen teenage son (Justin Chatwin) and his precocious daughter (Dakota Fanning) turns into a real bonding experience. Visually astounding and, for its first half, riveting. But Spielberg only knows how to visit darkness; he can't really take us there. Based on H.G. Wells' book, the mother of all science fiction. — M. Pols. (PG-13: frightening sequences of sci-fi violence, disturbing images.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. B-

"WEDDING CRASHERS": Finally, a summer comedy that can make your stomach hurt from laughing. Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson play best friends who crash weddings looking for girls. The story slides downhill in its second half, when the focus is on a conventional romance between Wilson's character and pretty girl Rachel McAdams, but this is still the adult crowd-pleaser of the year. With Christopher Walken and newcomer Isla Fisher as a vixen who gives Vaughn a run for his money. — M. Pols. (R: sexual content/nudity and language.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B+



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**Sushi House**  
2375 Shoreline Drive, Alameda (510) 562-0096  
When it comes to sushi, one place on the island comes to mind. Come experience why locals & out-of-towners alike flock to Sushi House. Whether you're a fan of modern or traditional Japanese cuisine, Sushi House will delight your senses with unique, award-winning sushi creations not found elsewhere on either side of the Bay. You've tried the rest. Now try the best! All seafood is delivered daily to ensure unrivaled quality & freshness. Showcasing these excellent beginnings are chef-owner James' own creations such as "Crazy Horse" - tuna, hamachi, salmon & avocado; "Crazy Monkey" - yellow tail, salmon, eel, tobiko and cucumber; & "Dynamite" - yellow tail, salmon, tuna & halibut deep fried without special sauce - spicy! Frequent Sushi House diners John & Sally Christensen agreed that "James is a real artist & his sushi is the freshest we've ever tasted." Sushi House is open nonstop from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday & 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays. Plenty of free parking. From an intimate date to a big celebration, Sushi House is the hip & trendy place to be in Alameda! AE MC VS \$\$\$ W

**Speisekammer**  
2424 Lincoln Ave., Alameda (510) 522-1300  
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## Events

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**EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS** — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection that was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum.

Donation; \$2 guided tour. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland.

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**GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM** — through Dec. 31. The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads constructed and operated by the East Bay Model Engineers Society. Covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and modern diesel-powered freight and passenger trains operate in O, HO and N scales on separate layouts as well as narrow gauge and trolley lines. Of special interest is the Tehachapi Pass and Loop on the N-scale layout showing how the multiple engine trains traverse the gorges and tunnels, passing over themselves to gain altitude to cross

Tehachapi Summit just east of Bakerville. The layouts include such famous railroad landmarks as Niles Canyon, Donner Pass and the Oakland Mole where transcontinental passengers were ferried across San Francisco Bay from their arriving trains. **VIEW THE LAYOUTS ONLY ON SATURDAYS; WATCH TRAINS RUN ON THE LAYOUTS ON SUNDAYS.**

Free on Saturday. \$3 general; \$2 seniors and children under age 12; \$7 families on Sunday. Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, 900 Dornan Drive, Point Richmond. (510) 234-4884 or [www.gsrmr.org](http://www.gsrmr.org).

HABITOT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM —

A museum especially for children ages 7 and under. Highlights include "WaterWorks," an area with some unusual water toys, an Infant Tree for babies, a garden especially for toddlers, a child-scale grocery store and cafe, and a costume shop and stage for junior thespians. The museum also features a toy lending library.

ONGOING EXHIBITS—

"Waterworks." A water play gallery with rivers, a pumping station and a water table. Designed to teach about water.

"Little Town Grocery and Cafe." De-

signed to create the ambience of shopping in a grocery store and eating in a restaurant.

"Infant-Toddler Garden." A picket fence gated indoor area, which includes a carrot patch with wooden carrots to be harvested, a pretend pond and a butterfly mobile to introduce youngsters to the concept of food, gardening and agriculture.

"Dramatic Arts Stage." Settings, backdrops and costumes coincide with seasonal events and holidays. Children can exercise their dramatic flair here.

"Wiggle Wall." The floor-to-ceiling "underground" tunnels give children a worm's eye view of the world. The tunnels are laced with net covered openings and giant optic lenses.

\$5 general; \$6 children ages 7 and under; free children ages 12 months and under. Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley. (510) 647-1111 or [www.habitot.org](http://www.habitot.org).

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# Must Love Dogs' fails intelligence test

By Mary F. Pols

**SAFARI**  
Diane Lane is the patron saint of women over the age of 35. In "Must Love Dogs," she's playing a married woman having a steamy fling or, at least, a divorcee looking for love. She's in the new film "Must Love Dogs" — the actress is a dog lover — and the movie is a comedy of hope for the single, the divorced and the dissatisfied. Filled with just by looking both beautiful and every inch her age, she's the rest of the demographic, included.

Thus, there is an extremely positive and welcoming marriage to an actress like this in the romantic comedy. "Must Love Dogs" is half that movie; it's a painful, true and sweet. The half is so conventionally intelligent, and life wise, that it hurts. It's also an insult to the intended audience.

It's in her late 30s whose husband dumped her for a much younger woman. The dog-loving family staging an invasion to encourage her to dating again. This cabal — there are too many siblings for accurate head count — includes her father (John Goodman), her mother (Tennysen Pumper), her father (John Goodman), her mother (Tennysen Pumper), her father (John Goodman), her mother (Tennysen Pumper).

She posts a personals ad for a man on the Web, using the name "must love dogs," and her high school graduation. This sends us off on a series of dates with Sarah, each comically bad than the last, but one that seemed fresh. In 1998, when Brad Pitt tried it with Hope Davis in "Stop Wonderland," but it just feels obligatory.

The most promising guy meets online is Jake (John Cusack), a wooden boat designer emerging from a painful divorce. He's funny and tender and utterly enthralled with

## REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Must Love Dogs"
- **STARRING:** Diane Lane, John Cusack, Elizabeth Perkins, Christopher Plummer, Dermot Mulroney
- **RATING:** PG-13 (some sexual content)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 38 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** C
- **ONLINE:** See the movie trailer at [ContraCostaTimes.com](http://ContraCostaTimes.com)

Sarah, but because the movie has to be longer than 20 minutes, there are roadblocks in the way of their happy ending.

These range from an unbelievable lack of available condoms in the greater Los Angeles area to the distracting presence of Bobby (Dermot Mulroney), the flirtatious father of one of Sarah's pupils. If TV's Gary David Goldberg ("Family Ties," "Spin City"), who directed as well as adapted Claire Cook's popular best seller into the screenplay, really wanted us to perceive Bobby as a threat, he should have put him on the movie poster along with Lane and Cusack.

Parts of "Must Love Dogs" really do work, and much of the movie passes pleasantly with reality: the ideal rental for a lonely Friday night. We can all relate to Sarah's vulnerability and her hopes and fears. The lonely older woman buzzing around Sarah's widowed father, specifically Stockard Channing as the trashy but kind-hearted Dolly, may be stereotypes, but there's more than a hint of truth there. Jake's riffs about women and how they approach romance are right on the money.

But bigger life issues, the kind most of us face every day, are ignored. No one has money prob-



JOHN CUSACK and Diane Lane star in the romantic comedy "Must Love Dogs."

lems. Sarah teaches preschool, but even divorced, she's managed to hold onto her gorgeous bungalow in the ultra-hot Los Angeles real estate market. Jake's requisite sleazy friend (and divorce attorney) Charlie (Ben Shenkman) keeps talking about how much money Jake's ex siphoned out of him and how no one wants to buy his wooden boats. But Jake lives in a stylish brick warehouse right out of Architectural Digest.

Goldberg could have cut just one of Charlie's leering comments out of the script — we get the idea, he's a pig — and had room to explain Jake's real source of income. Maybe he's independently wealthy. If so, why not throw the realists in the audience a bone?

Finally, any movie that compromises Lane's innate dignity risks incurring the wrath of her admirers. The former child star made a lovely comeback with

1999's "Walk on the Moon," showed she was Oscar-worthy in "Unfaithful" and then proved she could handle light adult comedy in "Under the Tuscan Sun." This should excuse her from having to join in awkward sing-alongs (curses on "My Best Friend's Wedding" for making that the norm for romantic comedies), or scenes like Goldberg's hideously contrived climax, in which his heroine take a pointless plunge into a lake in pursuit of Jake.

A real woman would have sat at the dock, enjoying the sun on her face. It's a lake, not an ocean. He's not rowing to a certain death or to another woman. He'll be back. Such is the danger of casting Diane Lane in a formulaic movie. We expect more from the patron saint of grown-up women.

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3. "The Mermale Chair," by Sue Monk Kidd. (Viking, \$24.95)
4. "A Long Way Down," by Nick Hornby. (Riverhead, \$24.95)
5. "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," by Lisa See. (Random House, \$21.95)
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## Portfest

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African musical traditions own brand of Afro-Soul. His music mixes African music and traditional South African styles.

Masekela was born into an old environment near Johannesburg in 1939. In 1961, he came to the United States as a student. He lived in New York, where he recorded his first recordings, including his 1968 hit "Grazing in the

Graceland tour, Masekela defended Simon vigorously when the tour was seen as a violation of the African National Congress' cultural boycott. In 1987, his "Bring Him Back" became the anthem for Mandela's world tour following his release from prison in 1992.

Coincidentally, Masekela will blow his horn on Friday only two miles from Oakland's Mandela Park.

Another featured performer is Garrett, a multi-Grammy jazz who emerged as a star in the jazz world in the mid-80s. He's a sideman for legends Miles Davis, Woody Shaw, and Peter Gabriel.

Masekela met saxophonist and composer Dave Ellis 10 years ago at Stanford Jazz workshops. "I always admired him," said Masekela, who was eager to have his quartet join the festival lineup.

After spending his early years in Berkeley High's Jazz Ensemble, where his musical contemporaries included Joshua Redd, Ellis earned a degree at the College of Music in San Jose. He was a founding member of the Charlie Hunter Trio, toured with Bob Weir's Ratband.

Along the way, he earned two California Music Awards —



HUGH MASEKELA will perform his own brand of Afro-Soul-Jazz at Portfest.

for Outstanding Jazz Album and Outstanding Jazz Artist in Northern California. Ellis has recorded two CDs for the Bay Area label, Monarch, and his latest CD is 2003's State of Mind.

Shaheed the musician — trumpet and flugelhorn — will also take the stage as co-leader, along with Yassir Chadly, of The Mo'Rockin' Project, a group of Bay Area musicians that merge traditional Moroccan melodies and a jazz quintet. Shaheed and Chadly have been writing music together for more than a year, and are currently working on the Mo'Rockin' Project's first CD. Chadly is a virtuoso on both the Oud and Gembre, which are traditional string instruments. "He's a traditional Moroccan musician who fell in love with jazz," Shaheed said of Chadly.

Born and raised in Chicago, Shaheed played in blues bands as a teenager. He went on to study music at Southern Illinois University and San Francisco State, but spent 20 years touring and learning from greats such as Jimi Hendrix, Woody Shaw and Billy Higgins. "I actually went to school on the road," said Sha-

heed with a laugh.

Shaheed's Oakland Jazz Workshop Band that will help open the festival consists of young musicians ranging in age from 12 to 18, including 14-year-old Kaz George, alto saxophone; Barron Arnold, trombone; and Danny Perry, alto. "This group plays with a maturity not usually found in musicians so young," said Shaheed.

He founded Oakland Jazz Workshops in 1994 to teach young musicians jazz. The 30 teenagers who take part in it year-round learn jazz history, arranging, theory and improvisation. "The younger you get them, the better. Their learning curve is very low," said Shaheed. He also helps members get music scholarships to universities.

Shaheed also serves as the band director for Oakland's School for the Arts, as a consultant for the San Francisco Symphony's AIM program for schools, and for the San Jose Jazz Society.

Shaheed said Portfest has been in the works for nine months. "I've been producing concerts for 10 to 15 years, but this is the biggest thing I've un-

dertaken," he said.

The festival will also feature a World Food Court, local clothing and crafts vendors, and interactive and informative exhibits on display from the Port of Oakland and East Bay Regional Parks. There will also be a family-friendly emphasis with games and activities for children.

## Tucker

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productions, a practice he took up when he started writing reviews full time in

community theater, you're really talking about Friday Saturday nights," he says, "which means the plays I was watching were happening at the same time as the plays I was reviewing. I couldn't be two places at once."

Theater reviews have won him honors, including a Best Column award from the California Newspaper Publishers Association. Last year, he reviewed 72 plays, the year before, he reviewed 82.

The best part of the job is

seeing all the components of a play come together — acting, direction, pace, blocking, sets — with no component overshadowing any of the others.

For instance?

"Jekyll and Hyde: The Musical," which was at the Contra Costa Community Theater earlier this year. It just gladdened my heart because it was so professionally done. I sat there with my mouth open."

And the worst part of the job?

"Writing a bad review. You've got to be honest with your readers, but you've also got to find a way to put a positive spin on it, like saying they could do better. If worse comes to worst, I just review the scenery."

Actress/director Donna Davis says Tucker's retirement will

leave some big shoes to fill.

"Frankly, I don't see how anyone can replace him. Where will they ever find somebody with his intelligence, heart, love of language and knowledge of the theater?"

But Tucker is looking forward, not back. For one thing, he will continue his ritual of calling his six grandchildren on their birthdays so he can play "Happy Birthday" to them on his harmonica over the phone.

What is his prescription for a long and happy life?

"Find something to do that you like, learn how to do it really well, and stay with it. And if it ain't fun, to hell with it!"

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Or that's the theory at least.

I found the deep questions posed by the movie shallow, but the powerful action scenes redeemed the wispy script and flat acting. Scary demons and lots of violence make this a DVD suitable for teens and adults, but not kids. (R: violence). 2 hours and 1 minute.

### Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2½ stars

Kids: 1½ stars

Teens: 3 stars

Adults: 2½ stars

Seniors: 1 star

Should you rent it? Yes — A good choice if you're looking for a new release to get your action movie fix.

### BRIDE & PREJUDICE

A modern take on Jane Austen's novel "Pride and Prejudice" set in India might seem like an unusual choice to rent, but if you do watch this DVD, you'll be rewarded with an endearing love story. This isn't an American movie set in India but instead a hybrid made by Yanks and Indians, which gives the DVD a very different feel.

In the true Bollywood style of Indian films, elaborate dance numbers break out at the drop of a hat and at seemingly random moments. This adds to the sweet, innocent fun of the DVD, which stars Aishwarya Rai. Despite the PG-13 ranking, the sexual content is far less than what you'd find on network TV, making it fine for kids as young as 10. (PG-13: sex-related themes). 1 hour and 51 minutes.

### Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2½ stars

Kids: 2 stars

Teens: 2½ stars

Adults: 2½ stars

Seniors: 3 stars

Should you rent it? Yes — Sweet love story packed with vibrant colors and upbeat music.

### FREAKED

Cult films are not an acquired taste. You're either born loving them or you just feigned interest when your art-house college friends dragged you to the local fleabag cinema. So depending on how you pigeon-hole yourself, "Freaked" will either be an hysterical romp or just a twisted, unfunny DVD that should never have seen the light of day when it was originally released in 1993.

A motley crew of B-list celebrities star in the film, including Alex Winter, Brooke Shields and Mr. T (in drag, no less). There's a plot buried somewhere in the movie about toxic chemicals creating sideshow mutants, but that's just the set-up for a series of jokes that alternate between crude and clever. (PG-13: language, mild gore and sex themes). 1 hour and 20 minutes.

### Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: 2½ stars

Teens: 3½ stars

Adults: 3 stars

Seniors: ½ star

Should you rent it? Yes — For cult film buffs looking for a good belly laugh.

J.B. Alderman lives in Berkeley and can be reached via [PhDVD.com](mailto:PhDVD.com).

## Many stars to jazz up festival

Portfest guests will have views of the waterfront while listening to local and international performers

By Keith Gleason  
CORRESPONDENT

Performers from around the globe will gather Saturday for the first Portfest World Music & Jazz Festival at the Middle Harbor Shoreline Park in Oakland. This free outdoor music festival will feature South African musician Hugh Masekela and his band, alto saxophonist Kenny Garrett and his quartet, local saxophone luminary Dave Ellis and his quartet, the Mo' Rockin' Project, and young musicians from the Oakland Jazz Workshops.

Hosted by the Port Of Oakland and East Bay

### IF YOU GO

■ **WHAT:** Portfest World Music and Jazz Festival

■ **WHEN:** Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■ **WHERE:** Middle Harbor Shoreline Park located at end of 7th Street, Oakland. Many online maps still list the park as the former Oakland Naval Supply Center. Limited parking will be available. Via public transit, take AC Transit Bus #13.

■ **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** call 510-627-1111 or go to [www.portofoaklandpublicartprogram.com](http://www.portofoaklandpublicartprogram.com)

■ **COST:** Free

Regional Parks District, the festival's setting puts it on the western edge of the Port of Oakland's waterfront, and will offer concertgoers spectacular views of the Bay Bridge, Yerba Buena Island and San Francisco.

"Since we are a port town, it only makes sense that we present music from around the world just as

we do business with people from around the world," said festival artistic director Khalil Shaheed. "We're trying to have free music available featuring star musicians for people who don't have \$30 to \$40 for a concert."

One of the greatest musicians to come from South Africa, flugelhornist and composer Hugh Masekela is best known in this country for his collaboration with Paul Simon on the hit 1987 album, Graceland. A major voice in the struggle for freedom in South Africa, Masekela has carried on the

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STEVE MARUTA

DAVE ELLIS, a product of Berkeley High School's Jazz Ensemble, and his quartet will perform at the Portfest World Music Festival on Saturday at Middle Harbor Shoreline Park in Oakland.

## Tucker takes well-deserved bow after record run

Retiring theater writer, 91, is being recognized by the Guinness book as the world's oldest newspaper columnist

By Martin Snapp  
STAFF WRITER

You can call Jack Tucker many things.

Call him the world's oldest newspaper columnist — a distinction that is about to be made official by the Guinness Book of Records. At 91, Tucker's theater reviews are as witty and sharp as ever.

Call him "one of the most beloved people in the East Bay theater community," as Louis Flynn does.

"He's the most kindhearted man I know," says Flynn, founder of the Contra Costa Civic Theatre. "If an actor isn't very good in a particular part, he'll find a way to say it without being cruel. He understands that for many of these people, this could be the only time they'll ever see their names in print."

Call him "a walking encyclopedia of the theater," as longtime television and stage actor Ralph Miller does.

One day in 1980, when Miller and Tucker were acting together in a production of "The Rainmaker," Miller suddenly came down with laryngitis and lost his voice.

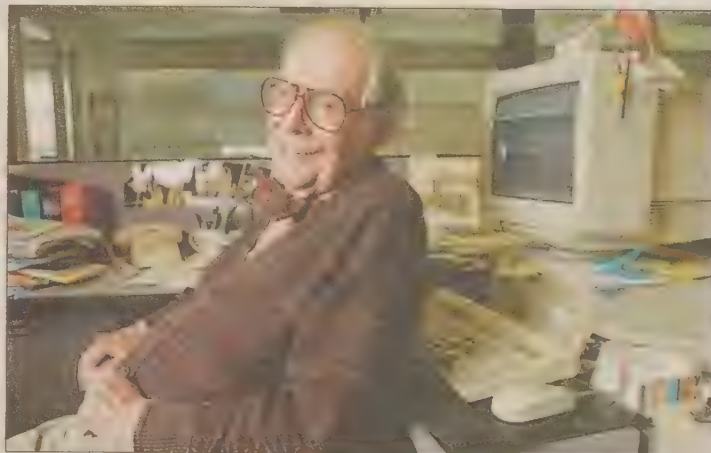
"No problem," says Miller. "Jack knew my role as well as his own, so he stood upstage and said all my lines while I pantomimed the action. The audience loved it."

Call him "a courageous champion of experimental theater," as Berkeley Rep spokesman Terence Keane does.

"What I really appreciate about Jack is that he not only reviews our big blockbuster productions, he also pays attention to our smaller experimental productions on the Thrust Stage, as well as our theater school."

But whatever you do, do not call him "91 years young."

"That's so patronizing," says Tucker. "I'm old. I like being old. There are a lot of advantages. You get reduced fares in the theater, you can ride BART for 25 cents on the dollar, and when you get really old, like I am, there's a certain attention paid to you that's nice."



STEVE URQUIAGA/STAFF

JACK TUCKER has worked in newspapers for roughly seven decades. His last column runs today.

### BIOGRAPHY

- **NAME:** Jack Tucker
- **AGE:** 91
- **RESIDENCE:** Richmond
- **EDUCATION:** Vanderbilt University
- **OCCUPATION:** Theater reviewer
- **CLAIM TO FAME:** May soon be named the world's oldest newspaper columnist by Guinness World Records

"Of course, the other side of the coin is that there are certain times when you get patronized, such as being called '91 years young' or a 'senior citizen.' But it doesn't happen very often."

Alas, Tucker is about to call it a career. His last column for Hills Newspapers runs today.

His reviews have run weekly in Hills Newspapers and the West County Times, an edition of the Contra Costa Times, for years.

He will continue to write occasional theater reviews, which he will publish online.

He has not run out of things to say, and he certainly has not run out of energy. But he has other things to do, including landscape painting, which he calls "my first love," acting in local productions, and tending the 2,500-square-foot "edible landscape" that he and his wife, Gail Morrison, have created in their Richmond back yard.

The garden includes more than 125 varieties of fruits and

vegetables, including persimmons, peaches, apples, blueberries, oranges, grapes, mulberries, pears, corn, tomatoes, beans, kale, potatoes, mustard greens, raspberries, blackberries, strawberries, lemons, limes, tangerines, sour cherries and five kinds of lettuce.

It also features a catnip patch for the neighborhood cats.

"We can't have cats of our own because Gail is allergic," he says. "They come over here every day and roll around in it, and then go back to their own homes to eat. So I have the best of both worlds."

Tucker was born April 25, 1914, in Columbia, Tenn., near the site of the Civil War's Battle of Franklin, which was still fresh in living memory when he was a boy.

He saw his first play when he was 10: "The Cotter's Saturday Night," starring British actor Sir Harry Lauter.

"I thought it was the dumbest thing I'd ever seen," he recalls. "His Scottish brogue was so thick, I couldn't understand a word. That's when I first realized how important good diction was. I realized I'd have to lose my Southern accent if an audience was going to be able to understand me."

But he enjoyed the traveling minstrel shows that also came through town.

"They were terribly racist, which was uncomfortable even

then. But they taught me one important thing: You can get away with a lot if you make 'em laugh."

At about the same time he got his first newspaper job, which was folding double-truck pages for the Maury Democrat. His pay: 15 cents for every 100 papers.

"The printer's blood got into my veins and never left," he says.

In 1934 he got his first desk job: reporting, compiling stock market tables and drawing sports cartoons for the Evening Tennessean in Nashville.

It was the height of the Great Depression. He attended Vanderbilt University for a while but had to drop out to help support his family.

When World War II broke out, he joined the Army, where he served as a combat correspondent in some of the bloodiest battles of the Pacific campaign, including Palau, the Philippines and Okinawa.

After the war came stints at papers in Milwaukee, Des Moines, Iowa, San Diego and finally Detroit, where he covered the swells as a society columnist under the nom de plume "John Detroit."

In 1970 he moved to Walnut Creek, where he served as the Contra Costa Times' features editor for three years. At about the same time he started acting in lo-

## Taking a bow on a curtain

TODAY'S COLLECTING is to be different, more personal, dwell more on the past, what's coming up, the brilliant and varied things. Finally — a lack and sort of verbal drum on my "curtain call" before retirement.

First, thank you for the show. And I thought of the column "show." Writing it was a chance that was fun, it was also a chance to tie pieces of words to keep you informed and fully entertained.

Speaking of curtains. In his 1983 book "Brief Edition," Robert then chairman of the department at UC Irvine, his structural analysis.

"This convention, been customary in the at least since the times Romans, plays an important but often overlooked overall scope of the sensation."

But the curtain call simply a time for the show and receive appreciation from the audience, although actors today seem to be Cohen says.

The curtain call, however, is a time in which the show their respect for the audience that patronized them.

And so today, I'm old Romans. I like the although you will have the toga thing.

Thank you for the kind words of encomium and even for the e-mails that silently chide you can be so...?"

And a special thank you to those too often unsung people who promote timely and accurate craft — who what what?

Only rarely did I ask "Why?"

I also hold dear the memories of the new theater that have taken root blossomed in the door have been writing about.

Some are getting teenagers now — in the wise beyond their years pact Theatre, Central TheatreFIRST, Pinot Players, Wilde Theatre (younger).

The sprightly elders of our community theater hovering around the century mark — Masques Costa Civic, Actors of Berkeley.

Berkeley Rep and are in a class by themselves professional companies.

One early experience came that impressed me with a phone call, pleasant young male asked flat out:

"When are you going to view some of our shows?"

He said his name was Patrick Dooley, and he was calling about the shows.

I had heard the ones and, frankly, had mixed feelings. Was this an urban theatrical guerrilla warfare homegrown shock troops I asked anyway.

"OK, which venue are you playing?"

And I'll never forget Patrick's response.

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For today's finale of the von Trapp kids' Sound of Music to OK, guys... let's hit it. "So long, farewell, so nice to know you."

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Section D

BY TOM KEANE  
MOTOR MATTERS

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...al screens for rear entertainment  
...less headphones. Or, there's a



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1948 Packard Sedan has become a family tradition

BY VERN PARKER  
MOTOR MATTERS

Paul Delaney Jr. recalls with affection those halcyon days after World War II when he and his father would drive in the family Packard to see the Washington Senators play baseball in Griffith Stadium.

After a few years, the 1948 Packard Custom 8 Club Sedan was traded for another car and the Senators left for Texas, but the memories lingered.

In the spring of 1985, a now-adult Delaney learned of a 1948 Packard for sale in Maryland. His interest was piqued once he found that it was an identical model to the one his father had owned. He took one look at the 17-foot, 8.5-inch-long black Packard and had to open the door. The aroma of the interior smelled the same as his father's Packard. "I sat in the car and it took me back to my childhood," Delaney said.

Next came one of those irrational, I've got to have it, moments. "I believe a doctor was the original owner," Delaney said. A few days later, he returned to take possession of the Packard. He was driving it home to Virginia, when the magnificent car sputtered to a stop.

With the help of some pedestrians, it was pushed to a nearby service station where the gasoline filter was found to be clogged. It was an easy fix and that has proven to be the most trouble Delaney has encountered in the 20 years he has owned the car.

The 4,110-pound Packard rides on a 127-inch wheelbase. The heavy car is powered by a remarkably huge — for the era — 356-cubic-inch straight-eight-cylinder en-

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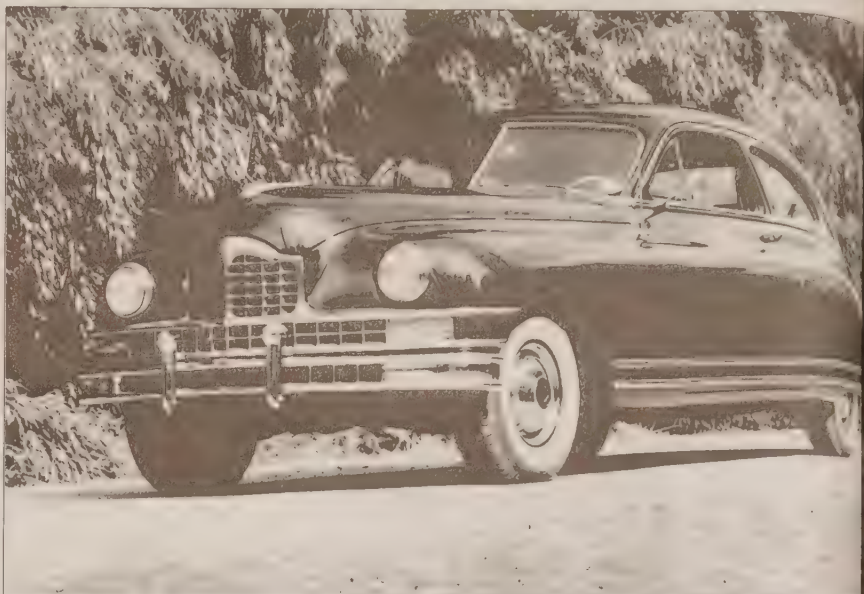
gine that Delaney says was the most powerful in the industry. Inside the long engine is a 104-pound crankshaft with nine main bearings. "It is over engineered and under stressed to an incredible degree," Delaney said.

The base price was also amazing: \$3,700. It was the most sophisticated car on the road in 1948. The designers were so confident of its status and recognition that the name Packard never appears on the car. "It's just so smooth," Delaney said, "On the highway it's so composed."

Luxurious accommodations are found from one end of the car to the other, including an engine hood that opens from either side or can be removed altogether. At the other end of the car is a 20-gallon gas tank equipped with a Ventalarm that whistles when the tank is nearly full, alerting the attendant to avoid unsightly spills.

A fifth shock absorber mounted in front of the rear axle between the 4.5-foot-long leaf springs damps out any side thrusts. Packard claimed a 22.5-foot turning radius for the big car. "Nobody ever got a car more right than that," Delaney said of his Packard. "It is so refined."

By 1993, Delaney decided the Packard deserved to be restored. He was able to find the tan shadowcloth upholstery material, as well as the rubber-backed carpeting that was supposed to feel as if driver and passengers were walking on moss.



**PAUL DELANEY JR.'S** 1948 Packard is an identical model to the one his father had owned.

Details were not ignored, including the pearwood side panels and the leather trim at the bottom of the seats. "They spent so much time on details getting things right, that it is amazing," Delaney said.

The restoration was completed in 1995 and, although 18 colors were available on 1948 Packards, Delaney opted for authenticity and

had the car painted in the original hue. The original glass is still in place and the view of the cor-morant hood ornament from the front seat is framed by chrome-plated window frames.

Pressing the accelerator to the floor activates the starter and gets the 7 quarts of oil and the 20 quarts of coolant flowing through the 160-

horsepower engine. Delaney said, "it idles at a whisper and cruises effortlessly at 90 mph." He explained that the overdrive unit reduces the engine speed by 28 percent.

As Delaney's Packard approaches 62,000 miles, he looks upon the beautifully restored car as a memorial to his father. In that regard, with major league baseball

once more in Washington, plans to take his son and to the ballpark in the 5-

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## There's no easy fix for the problem of rust

BY JUNIOR DAMATO  
MOTOR MATTERS

**Dear Doctor:** I own a couple of pickup trucks with built-in trailer hitch receivers. Both the receiver and trailer ball insert are always rusting. I have used grease and silicone, but neither works. Is there any way to eliminate the rusting?  
L. Jay

**Dear Jay:** I have not found any miracle in a can that will solve your problem. Clean off all the old grease and rust on both the receiver and tongue insert. Then get

## AUTO DOCTOR

tongue or receiver.

**Dear Doctor:** We own a 1993 Buick Regal with only 55,000 miles. For the last several months the engine is sometimes hard to start. Twice it did not start and was towed to a repair shop, where it started right up. On another occasion the engine just quit while driving, but it did restart. Both the dealer and my local mechanic said there is nothing they can do until it fails to start. I am very frustrated and do not know what to do. — Vincent

**Dear Vincent:** Did the shop do a wiggle test on the wires and harness? A check of fuel and volume is important. Did anyone check for trouble codes in the computer? I have seen a lot of crankshaft sensors cause intermittent problems such as yours. Leave the car at the shop for a few days, so the technician can use the car and take it home.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1998 Ford Expedition and a 2000 Ford Taurus, which have been good vehicles. I am concerned about faulty electrical switches and wiring that can cause fires. Are you aware of

**Dear Ken:** Everyday there are

updated factory technical bulletins and some recalls. I suggest you call the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration — 800-424-9393 — and ask the dealership's service department to check the vehicle identification numbers on their database.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 2004 Corvette with the six-speed manual transmission. I noticed a small vibration noise from the driveline at low engine and vehicle speed while in third gear. The dealer said I am lugging the car and that is the reason for the noise. I would appreciate your opinion. — Stan

**Dear Stan:** You are lugging the engine. There is some normal gear

noise with the six-speed transmission. It will be available if you are in a high gear driving very slow. Lugging is bad for both the engine and transmission.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 2001 Volkswagen Jetta, which I bought brand new. Current mileage is 5,000 miles. Of a few weeks ago, when I started in the morning, the coolant light comes on. The coolant level is good, but the engine does not overheat. My dealer checked the sensor and said he had to bring the car back when the light is on. Do you think I should have the sensor replaced?

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# Luxury, performance and work-truck all describe the Lincoln Mark LT

BY TIM SPELL  
MOTOR MATTERS

Lincoln's 2006 Mark LT is the Bond of pickups. It's sleek and impeccably dressed, but when time comes for handling rough stuff, it's up for the task. Lincoln's Blackwood from years back, which looked like it was lacking in utility, the Mark LT is a bona fide full-size pickup with a usable 5.5-foot bed. It's easy for the truck's designers to use the truck's design as the vehicle's foundation. Lincoln conveniently borrowed from the popular F-150 pickup. The family resemblance is obvious using signature Lincoln design cues. Lincoln's designers did a good job of differentiating the four-door Mark LT from its SuperCrew sibling. The upscale Mark LT is based on the 2WD SuperCrew at \$39,200 for the 2WD and \$42,700 with 4WD. The Mark LT from any direction and it's clear the truck is something special — and that it's Lincoln. Chrome is a key ingredient in delivering this message. Most telling of its heritage is the chrome waterfall grille with a Lincoln star logo standing at its center. Elegance also is conveyed with a chrome band around the body's lower portion. Chrome accents are found in the side mirrors, door handles, and rails (optional), exhaust tip and tailgate handle. The Lincoln-appeal meter also is pushed higher by taillamps that wrap to the tailgate. Opening the tailgate, which is tall to fit the heightened bed sides, is a notably convenient procedure. Equipped with special assists, the big tailgate can be lowered and raised with little effort.

Those following behind the Mark LT clearly are informed it's a Lincoln. Flanking the star emblem "LINCOLN" to the left and

## TRUCK TALK

"MARK LT" to the right. Badging on the front fenders also identifies the pickup as a Mark LT.

Elegant 18-inch, seven-spoke aluminum or eight-spoke chrome-plated aluminum wheels like those found on the Navigator sport utility punctuate Lincoln-ness with center hubs embossed with the company's logo and name.

True to Lincoln tradition, these wheels are driven by a potent V8 engine. This 5.4-liter Triton V8 — mated with a smooth-shifting four-speed automatic transmission — moves the 5,370-pounder with 300 horsepower at 5,000 rpm and 365 pounds-foot of torque at 3,750 rpm.

Low-end torque makes this city-slicker pickup at home on the farm, ranch or lake, providing a workhorse towing capacity of 8,900 pounds and payload capacity of 1,620 pounds.

The Mark LT's 30-gallon tank can be filled with 87-octane gas. Estimated fuel economy is 14 miles per gallon city, 18-mpg, highway. Cocooned within a well-insulated cab, passengers don't hear much engine or road noise. Helping keep noise, vibration and harshness at a level expected of a luxury vehicle are an engine mounted to liquid-filled mounts, a rigid fully boxed frame, thick side windows, and inset doors with double-layer seals. Thanks to excellent seats and a compliant suspension, featuring rear shocks mounted outside the frame rails, the ride is superb.

Of course, this top-line pickup gets standard leather-clad seats, front and rear, with "French-style" pleating. The two-tone interior is available in two different color schemes — Black with Dove Gray,



LINCOLN'S 2006 MARK LT is the James Bond of pickups. It's poised and impeccably dressed, but when time comes for handling the rough stuff, it's up for the task.

and Pebble with Light Parchment. Seats, as well as the leather-covered center console lid, are trimmed in contrasting piping and embossed with Lincoln emblems.

The two-tone steering wheel and elongated shifter grip also feature leather wrapping.

The dashboard is styled with a sophisticated combination of

leather, chrome and, at the center, genuine ebony wood. For those passengers who somehow have missed the point that they're cruising aboard a premium pickup, "LIN-

COLN" is lettered in chrome at the bottom of the wood inlay.

Tim Spell is the writer for the Houston Chronicle Cars & Trucks section.

## Doctor

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Dear Joan: I suggest that you let the dealer or a local shop connect the sensor before retesting it. They can unplug the sensor and bypass it for testing purposes only.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000 Ford Taurus, which I purchased in California before moving to

Florida. The problem is that I often hear a low grinding sound when I turn the steering wheel, as if I am over turning the steering wheel. I am not happy with the local Ford dealer. There has been more than one mistake over the last year or so. What do you suggest I do? — Louise

Dear Louise: The low grinding sound when turning the steering wheel could be coming from the power steering pump. Some Ford

power steering pumps are louder than others. This is not a safety issue. As for your concern with the dealer service department, make an appointment with the general manager or owner to discuss your concerns.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1991 Toyota Camry with a four-cylinder engine. Last winter, when making turns, the steering wheel became difficult. It seemed very jerky and did not return by itself. My me-

chanic thought it might be the steering u-joint between the steering column and power steering rack unit.

As the weather got warmer the steering became easier. What's the problem? — Bernard

Dear Bernard: I have replaced many steering shaft u-joints in Toyota Camrys. They have a high failure rate. The symptom you describe is consistent with binding steering shaft u-joint failure. Have

your technician remove the u-joint and check it for binding. I have also seen a lot of leaking power steering rack units on V6 models. Binding can also be caused from worn out front-end moving parts. Warm weather seems to free up some of the binding front-end parts. Have the front-end completely inspected by a qualified technician.

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# BMW 3 Series now has a better braking system

BY HERB SHULDINER  
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## DOWN THE ROAD

Speed and agility are the qualities that carmakers boast about when they unveil a new sports sedan. As the benchmark in that segment, the 2006 BMW 3 Series has those characteristics in abundance.

What also distinguishes the new-generation 3 Series is the attention BMW engineers focused on giving the vehicle, as well as enhanced stopping capability thanks to innovative state-of-the-art brake systems.

New six-cylinder engines and an improved suspension improve the speedy and nimble performance of the 3 Series. BMW boasts about these engineering improvements that will do nothing to damage its claim to being the ultimate driving machine. But with its advanced braking systems this new 3 Series may also lay claim to the title of the ultimate stopping machine, too.

Enhanced brakes not only give the 3 Series quicker and surer stopping power, but also provide features that make driving safer and more enjoyable. The ventilated rear disc brakes in the 325i are bigger, going from 11.6 inches to 11.8 inches. Front discs in this model remain the same. In the 330i, front discs have been increased to 13 inches from 12.8 inches.

BMW's engineers collaborated with Continental Teves in creating additional brake components that enable faster stopping and improve performance on wet roads, which sometimes make brakes less effective.

For instance, a new brake-drying feature eliminates delayed brake

response by cleverly removing moisture from the brake discs. To accomplish this the brake system gently presses the pads against the discs frequently. But the action is so gentle that you don't notice it happening.

The result is that the discs build up less moisture and remain effective under adverse conditions. It means that the pads don't have to cut through as much water to start gripping the disc. This timesaving is measured in millimeters, but that fraction of time may be enough to avoid an accident.

There's also a brake pad wear detection system that calculates how much life remains in these components. The wear monitor constantly evaluates a range of parameters, giving adequate warning when to replace the brake pad.

A brake fade compensation system resists the heat of panic stops that degrade the stopping abilities of most brake systems. Drivers need to apply more pressure to the brake pedal to maintain stopping action when this happens. The new fade compensator increases the hydraulic system pressure to ensure that it is always adequate at each wheel to stop as quickly as the driver wants. There's even a light on the instrument panel that illuminates when brake fade is possible.

However, there is little chance of brake fade in this system because aluminum front-wheel calipers are used for the first time in a vehicle in this segment. The front caliper



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brakes have extremely high reserves under stressful performance and temperature conditions.

Brake stand-by gives a driver more time to apply the brake pedal, because it builds up pressure in advance of initiating the stopping action. A sensor in the system recognizes when a driver gets off the gas pedal quickly and may start braking. The stand-by function pre-loads the brake sys-

tem so that if braking actually begins it can occur with virtually no delay. If the brakes aren't applied in a few seconds, the pressure returns to normal.

ABS brakes have a smoother anti-lockup action that's smoother when activated. A new "analogized" control of the dynamic stability control valves creates this improvement.

Although it's hardly unique, the 3 Series also has the start-off as-

sistant. This hill-hold device makes it easier to start up when you are stopped on a hill. The system maintains brake pressure for 1.5 seconds and releases it smoothly when you accelerate the car. It gives the driver ample time to engage the clutch and step on the accelerator without rolling backwards.

The soft-stop feature of the brakes is a nice touch also. It eliminates the small jolts that frequently

occur even with the gears. The soft-stop feature eliminates jolt by automatically releasing pressure at the last possible moment. When the computer recognizes that the car is stopping, it signals the rear-wheel brakes to reduce pressure before a complete stop. This is a smooth stop that's in line with the rest of the car's performance.

## SPARE PARTS

Take a bow: Audi is the first manufacturer ever to earn two "double best pick" ratings from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) in front and side crash test results for large luxury cars. The Audi A6 earned the "double best pick" rating after it achieved "best pick" designations for its performance in the recently conducted IIHS side impact crash test and the frontal offset crash test. Last month the Audi A4 received a "double best pick" rating for the same tests. Only four cars ever have received this rating, two are Audis.

Small getting big: With gasoline prices at near-record levels, auto makers are preparing to introduce small cars, most costing \$14,000 or less. After years of pushing SUVs, the industry is betting that fuel-efficient compacts are due for a comeback. Traditionally, Americans' appetites for minicars have been slim amid concerns that they were too small and dangerous on highways packed with SUVs and powerful sedans. (Source: The Wall Street Journal)

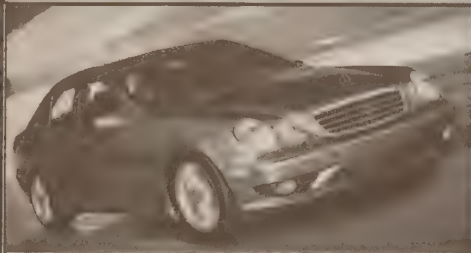
Sales pitch: Some GM dealers are extending hours to handle the traffic. Chrysler's new pitchman Lee Iacocca is prompting consumers to inundate its call centers. Ford Motor Co.'s newest models are moving off lots at a faster clip. Detroit's latest marketing gambit — employee discount prices for all — is proving to be more than a one-month wonder, drawing heavy showroom traffic thus far in July after propelling GM to a record June, according to dealers and analysts. (Source: The Detroit News)



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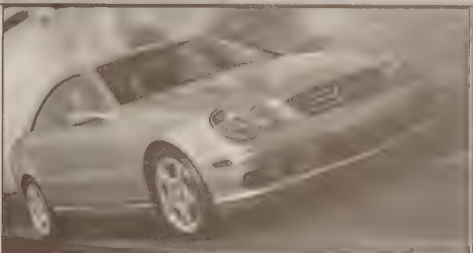
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 15781 Via Teresa - \$590,000

## By the numbers

## ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 22  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$273,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,215,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$705,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$713,705

## ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$360,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$805,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$700,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$621,667

## BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 13  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$425,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,395,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$945,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$908,000

## CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 6  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$423,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$850,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$615,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$577,167

## EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 8  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$250,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$700,500  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$499,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$455,000

## EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 10  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$300,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$637,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$435,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$472,050

## OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 119  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$105,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,600,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$490,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$554,723

## PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 5  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$835,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$3,259,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$2,000,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,963,800

## RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 58  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$203,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$959,500  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$435,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$462,397

## SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 33  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$265,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,000,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$560,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$564,136

## SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 11  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$485,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$849,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$530,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$588,182

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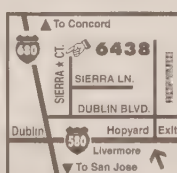
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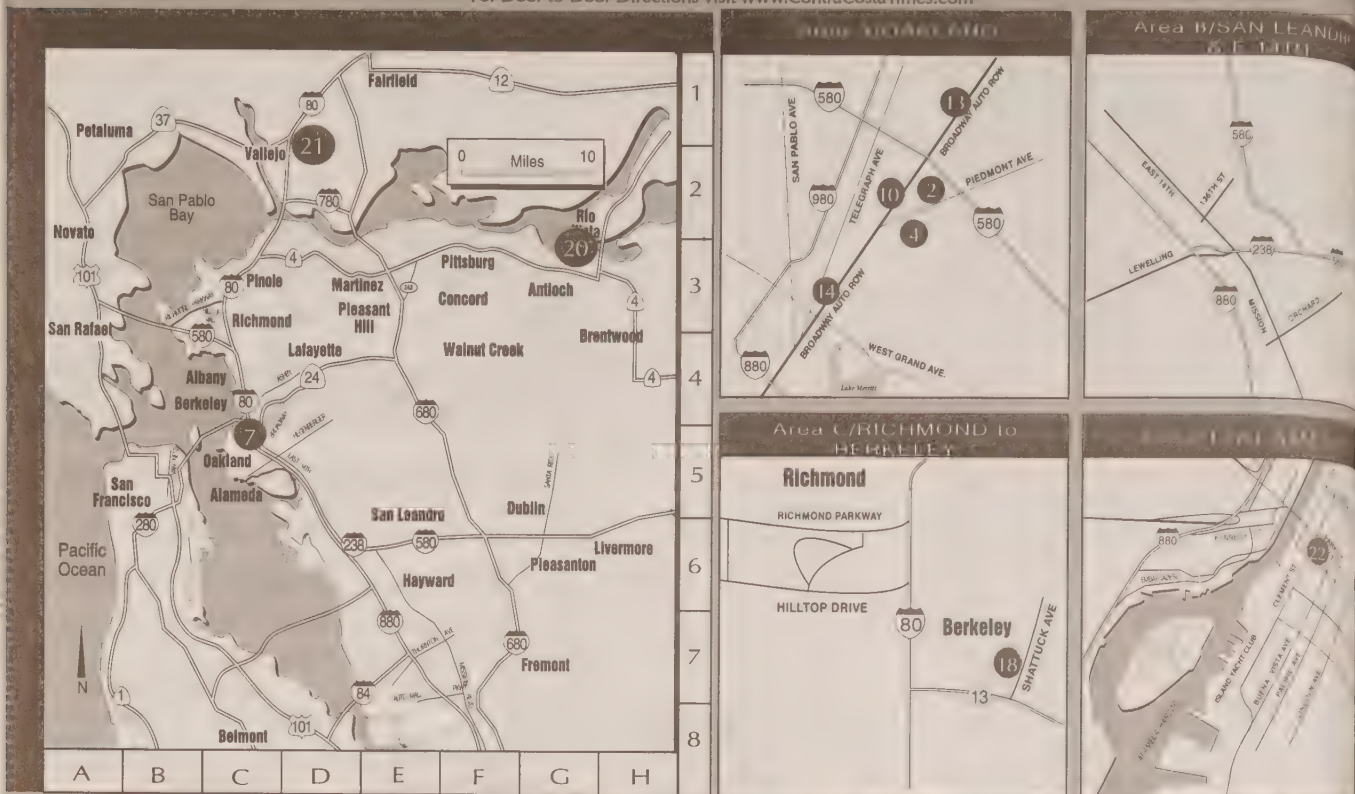
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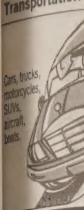


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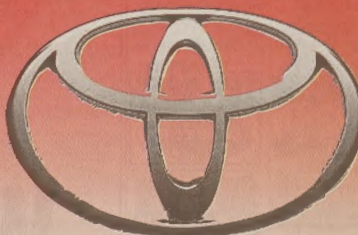
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